



1986 Gulfshore Baptist Assembly summer staff

Pictured are members of the 1986 summer staff of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. These young people who represent 17 college campuses from across Mississippi assisted in helping to provide the services necessary for the operation of Mississippi Baptists' conference facility. Summer attendance will be approximately 7,000 persons for the 26 conferences sponsored by the various departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Frank Simmons, assembly director.

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Safari to the Savior begins in South Africa

By Craig Bird

FORT WORTH, Texas — Few sinners are pursued by clawing lions and charging water buffalo.

John Roxburgh lived to fight off such animals, but knew he was dying inside.

Now Roxburgh, 43, is preparing at Southwestern Seminary here to spread the gospel among the rural tribes of Zambia, where he once led big game safaris.

Roxburgh's long trail to Southwestern began in South Africa, where he was born the illegitimate son of a prostitute. When police found the 2-year-old child wandering the streets looking for food, he was adopted.

That took care of his physical hunger, but the emotional hunger raged on.

His natural mother was murdered when he was 8, and by 15 he had quit school and was estranged from his adoptive family. At 18 he moved to Zambia (then Northern Rhodesia) to work. At 21 he "went off where I didn't think anyone would find me, took every pill I could find, then cut both wrists."

Roxburgh decided life was worth living and became a determined optimist, even though not yet a Christian.

He led rich Europeans, Americans, and Asians on nearly 200 safaris in Zambia. But he found that even the most important people in the world weren't happy.

While in the United States recruiting hunters, Roxburgh met his

wife, Carol. She moved to Zambia with him to live in the grass hut of his base camp.

Later they moved to Kerrville, Texas, to establish and manage an exotic game ranch. New friends urged him to accept Christ.

"I rationalized and told myself if there really was a God and Jesus and Holy Spirit, it could be proved," he said. "If Christianity didn't solve my

problems I would throw it all out.

"All I wanted to talk about was God, but most Christians were intimidated by my questions," Roxburgh said. "So I started watching religious television 15-18 hours a day when I was off work and reading everything I could get my hands on."

His self-study led him to identify his beliefs as Southern Baptist. "It is important for faith to be based on Scrip-

ture instead of emotion," he explained.

At 11 p.m. New Year's Eve 1982, he stood with his wife and 7-year-old son in the darkened sanctuary of Southern Oaks Baptist Church in Kerrville and committed his life to a God he had long denied.

Now the man who once took the King of Nepal on safari spends his nights parking cars and his days stu-

dying the Bible at Southwestern. Instead of organizing big game hunts in Zambia, he dreams of evangelizing the rural villages of that East African country.

He is working on getting the movie "Jesus" dubbed into N'ja the local dialect so he can use it and soccer games between neighboring villages to attract crowds.

"The villages are usually about nine miles apart," he said. "I want to start with one and work to the next, leaving a Christian church in each one. I think in five years the whole area can be evangelized."

Roxburgh is determined to reach his goal because of his unshakable belief that faith in God through Jesus Christ is the answer to any question. "There are no political answers to the freedom of man," he said. "There is only a Christian answer. Unless you change people's hearts you aren't really changing anything."

Roxburgh remembers the times he almost died before encountering Jesus Christ. He vividly recalls the lion that veered in mid-leap and brushed his leg and the charging water buffalo that fell less than six feet from him.

More vivid than these visions is his knowledge that Zambians are dying each day without ever hearing of the God who can fill the emptiness in their lives.

"The world is falling apart," he said. "We must tell everyone about Jesus."



John Roxburgh (left), a student at Southwestern Seminary, poses with two other hunters and their catches on a safari he

led in Zambia. Now Roxburgh plans to return to Zambia with a Christian wife.

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Bill says impose penalties for property damage

WASHINGTON (BP) — A bill recently introduced before the U.S. House of Representatives would impose criminal penalties for damage to religious property and for injury to persons in the free exercise of religious beliefs.

Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., introduced the bill on behalf of himself and 31 co-sponsors, representing a diversity of political, religious, and geographic interests.

"In spite of our nation's willingness to accept and embrace various religions and forms of worship, there remains a minority within our population who see fit to vandalize and destroy religious property and, in the process, to jeopardize the freedom of others to safely practice their religious beliefs," Glickman earlier testified before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Criminal Justice.

The bill, H.R. 4980, would amend the U.S. Code to impose federal penalties — including fines up to \$15,000 and prison sentences up to life — on persons who "deface, damage or destroy any religious real property, because of the religious character of that property" or "obstruct, by force or threat of force, any person in the enjoyment of that person's free exercise of religious beliefs."

Glickman said new faiths have been targets, including Jews, Baptists, Catholics, and Episcopalians.

Craig Bird writes for Southwestern Seminary.

Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

Annuity Board in Mississippi

Once each year the Southern Baptist Annuity Board has a board meeting outside of its Dallas, Texas, location. This year the meeting was held in Jackson, and the time was last week.

Not many of us had the time available to attend much of the trustees' business sessions, but several Mississippians attended one gathering during the meeting. As a get acquainted gesture, the Annuity Board held one of its sessions during a dinner meeting and invited a number of Mississippians to attend. It was an opportunity for the Annuity Board members, both staff and elected members, to meet some Mississippi Baptists and an opportunity for those Mississippi Baptists to meet some of the Annuity Board staff members as well as most of the trustees.

Darold H. Morgan, president of the Annuity Board, introduced all of the Mississippi guests. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, responded to the introductions. New trustees on the Annuity Board, were introduced by Willis L. Meadows of Louisiana, board chairman.

The invocation was delivered by Louis F. Smith, pastor of First Church, Canton, and a member of the board. A challenge in the form of an after dinner message was delivered by Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson. Bev Tinnin, pastor of First Church, Meridian and an Annuity Board trustee, delivered the benediction.

The concern of the board over the tax reform bill now being considered

by Congress was enunciated by Morgan and by Gary Nash, head of legal services for the board, during the dinner meeting. As a general concept, the board is supporting the Senate version of the bill, which is now in a conference committee of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The House passed its form of the bill in December, and the Senate passed its form in June.

The coming of the Annuity Board to Mississippi serves to remind us once again of the vital role that the board plays in the life of the ministry of Southern Baptists. It is the agency that handles retirement and insurance for those who minister in Southern Baptist ranks. And in this instance the reference to those who minister includes all church positions and those in all positions for boards and agencies for the Southern Baptist Convention, for state conventions, and for associations.

The visit of the Annuity Board serves to remind us once again that many of these people are not well protected in that respect, though the experience is improving.

As people who work for the boards and agencies change jobs and continue to work for boards and agencies, their continued annuity programs are fairly well assured of continuing. As church staff members move from church to church, however, the experience is not always as good. Those ministers are at the mercy of the churches. It makes no difference how interested the minister is in Annuity Board protection, he depends on the church to assist him in making that protection available unless he

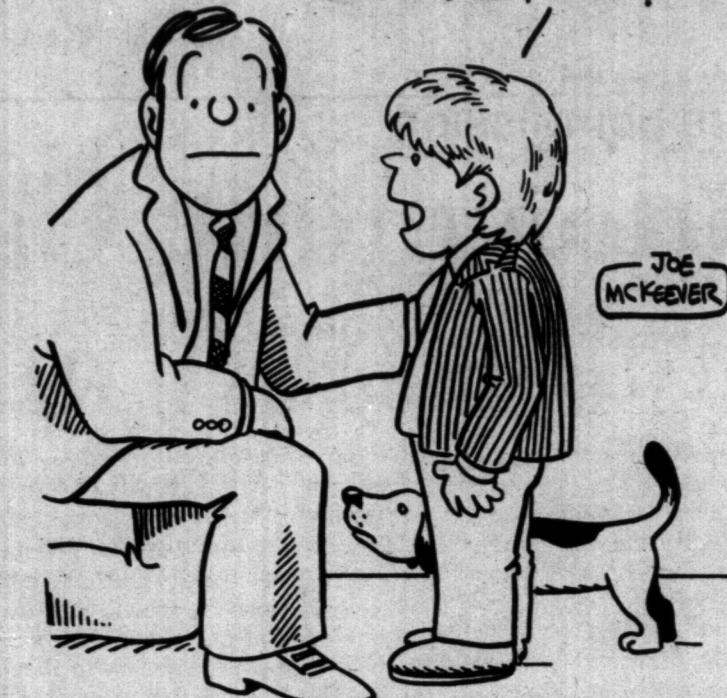
decides to make the total payment on his own.

This points up the fact that churches need to have a continuing annuity program that is available for their pastors, no matter who they are. As one pastor moves on and another one comes in, the incoming pastor needs to know that his annuity protection has been considered and handled by the church. His annuity deposits should be at least 10 percent of his salary, and he should be afforded a complete insurance package as well.

In order for the minister to enjoy a continuation of this sort of protection, every church should be involved in it.

This is one case where it is literally true that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Surely no church would want to be the weak link in providing protection for its ministers.

"THEN MY DOG SAID,
'WHY DON'T WE SKIP CHURCH
SUNDAY AND GO FISHING?'
HE CAN REALLY BE
PERSUASIVE, POP!"



The endowment campaign

The Mississippi Mission, Mississippi Baptists' \$40 million endowment campaign, is in high gear and moving on toward its goal. It has now passed the \$16 million mark, as is noted in a news item in this issue.

The endowment campaign is aimed at providing a solid endowment for four of Mississippi Baptists' institutions. They are Mississippi College, the largest of our colleges, which is located in Clinton; William Carey College, the Hattiesburg institution; Blue Mountain College, located in North Mississippi at Blue Mountain; and the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village,

with its main campus in Jackson.

All of these institutions desperately need the endowment that is projected as a result of the campaign. The Cooperative Program, Baptists' method of financing their efforts, is necessary; but it is not able to provide all of the money that is needed for such institutions as colleges and children's homes. The costs of ministering to the young people in these institutions is too great. The Children's Village is especially needy, for it does not charge the recipients of its ministry in any way. The colleges charge a tuition, but the size of

the tuition charges is directly related to the size of the endowments. The more the endowment is able to provide an income for expenses, the less the tuition charges need to be. It is simple enough.

Money for such an endowment campaign as Mississippi Baptists have under way at this time must come from many different sources. Mississippi Baptists must support this campaign with enthusiasm and money in order to maintain the high level of service that has been the trademark of our institutions through all of their many years.

Guest opinion . . .

International conference for itinerant evangelists

By Guy Henderson

There were 8,000 participants by invitation only from 174 countries gathered in the giant Rai Exhibition Complex in Amsterdam. Many wore the national costumes of their countries. Red, yellow, black, brown, and white criss-crossed the auditorium. The row of interpreters' booths across the second floor was marked with Hindu, French, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Polish, Russian, Korean, and dozens of others. With a small head set and a receiver you could dial into your preference. We sang "Blessed Assurance," and from one spot you could hear them singing it in three or four languages.

For 10 days the conference went on with singing, preaching, workshops, and consultation. Stephen Olford preached for the evangelists to flee

from Sin, Follow Christ, and Fight the Good Fight. Billy Graham said we were all to do the work of an evangelist, and Louis Palau called for a revival of purity and holiness among believers. Billy Kim declared there were 32,000 churches now in Korea with 10 million believers. Others from Germany, England, Africa, and Asia spoke in a similar vein.

A 56-voice choir from Warsaw, Poland, sang. Kim Wickes, the blind Korean lady, left the group in tears with her testimony in song. George Beverly Shea sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus." An all Nigerian group played drums and guitars in a moving message of song. Frank Boggs blessed everyone by singing several spirituals.

Nilson Fanini of Brazil's largest Baptist church told how his church was reaching out into the community. Dr. George Sweeting, Moody Bible Institute, and E. V. Hill, Los Angeles pastor, led in moving worship experiences.

Some of the evangelists came from places where there are few believers, and Christians are in a minority and facing many difficulties. They were thrilled to hear of a Russian church in Siberia that baptized 122 on one Sunday. A Cameroon pastor told of voodoo, idolatry, and ancestry worship being the hindrances he had to face. A Russian pastor from Moscow said, "Let us go everywhere and preach the freedom Christianity brings. John Lewis of Jamaica had his passport stolen the night before he

left. Dejected, he returned to his church, where the members joined him in praying. The police called to say it had been found, and he caught his plane the next morning.

One African pastor was having the new security band placed on his wrist by the officials, and they discovered he still had his 1983 Billy Graham Evangelism Conference security band on — he hadn't taken it off in three years.

A Nepal pastor told of persecution akin to the inquisition . . . splinters being driven into the finger nails of those who preached the gospel.

An airline strike in Argentina stranded 200 evangelists; Billy Graham chartered a plane to go get them. The plane was delayed 12 hours in Buenos Aires because of heavy fog.

During the delay the hotel manager accepted Christ, and one of the pilots rededicated himself to the Lord.

Strange sights were witnessed in the conference halls and in hotels, even street cars: Prayer groups, singing groups, people witnessing. After one service two men rose to embrace (one white, the other black). Some took notes on the neat paper provided by the Billy Graham Conference, others on ragged tablets. One India pastor had a lap-sized computer and took all his notes neatly typed out.

The spirit of prayer, sweet Christian fellowship, and the desire to get on with our work prevailed. Some 1,500 volunteer "stewards" helped man all the booths, meals, rides, hotels, etc. for the large groups.

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Mississippi Mission

Endowment Campaign reaches \$16 million

The Mississippi Mission, a campaign to raise \$40 million for Mississippi College, William Carey College, Blue Mountain College and the Baptist Children's Village, has received pledges of \$16,078,570.90 to date, according to Harry E. Vickery, general chairman of The Mississippi Mission.

The campaign goal of \$40,000,000 is the largest in the history of Mississippi and will be used entirely for endowment purposes, Vickery said. Primarily because of inflation, the endowment funds at the four institutions have been eroded to the point where income from the endowment provides only 4 percent of the operating funds as compared to 23 percent in 1940, he noted. The quality of educational of-

ferings and service to children can be maintained only through increased support, he said.

"Continued care must be given to children in need, endowed chairs need to be established to recruit and keep the finest professors, and additional scholarships are necessary to attract the ablest students and to avoid pricing the qualified student out of attending. Funds also will be used for program enrichment, library materials, and facilities support," Vickery added.

He noted three options that are available to contributors: OPTION A Undesignated commitments to the campaign will be divided among the four institutions according to a formula; OPTION B Designated com-

mitments may be made to the institution(s) of the donor's choice; OPTION C Donors may specify that their commitments may be used, at the discretion of the Campaign Committee, toward equalizing undesignated and designated commitments in such a way as to assure that each institution will receive more nearly the approximate percentage of total endowment funds raised as set forth in the formula under Option A.

Following a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Mississippi Mission, Vickery commented: "We are very pleased with the progress of the campaign to date. With the continued leadership and major gift solicitation, along with the church campaign to begin in November, we fully expect to reach our goal."

Committee gives budget nod

By Tim Nicholas

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board met last week in Jackson, approving a 1987 convention budget of \$19 million, and accepting the resignation of Eddie Hamilton, board president.

The 1987 Mississippi Baptist Convention budget is subject to approval by the full convention board, which meets this month, and by the Mississippi Baptist Convention itself, which meets in November.

The \$19 million is a 2.43 percent increase over the 1986 budget of \$18,550,000. This includes an additional half percent to Southern Baptist Convention causes, raising that total to 36.5 percent of the overall budget, or \$6,935,000.

Eddie Hamilton, board president, resigned because of his moving from the pastorate of First Church, Car-

thage, to the pastorate of Oak Forest Church, Jackson, making him ineligible to serve on the board.

Other board replacements included Randy Kolb for Billy Ray Nelson, James Carr for Bobby Clark, Tommy Ray Bufkin for Al Homer, and T. R. Culpepper for Larry Ballard. Ed Deuschle was elected as chairman of the Church-Minister Relations Advisory Committee to replace James Lewis who has moved.

Funding matters handled by the Executive Committee included \$3,572 for door bottom seals \$2,080.11 for tractor repair, and room dividers for \$3,395.98, all at Gulfshore.

Financial difficulties for families moving following Hurricane Elena last fall were helped by the committee with funds from the disaster account given through area churches:

\$500 each through Gulfport Heights, East Howard, and Metropolitan, and \$2,000 through Lakeshore Church.

Other emergency funds totaling \$1,000 were given to the New Zion Rock Missionary Baptist Church, a black church which burned.

Furnishings costs of \$8,770 for the BSU center at the University of Southern Mississippi, and \$1,293 for tables and chairs at the Jeff Davis BSU center were both approved. An earlier poll approved employment of the architectural firm of Craig, Simons, and Singleton of Jackson to assist with the new BSU center to be built at the University of Mississippi.

Related to the budget, it was recommended that no cost of living increases be given convention board employees, but that up to 2 percent

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Eloise Cauthen is going home to China soon

By Erich Bridges

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — At long last, Eloise Glass Cauthen is going home to China.

The widow of longtime Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board leader Baker James Cauthen will begin teaching English in China this fall at the invitation of Yantai University. The university is located in Yantai, once known as Chefoo, a coastal port in the northeastern province of Shandong.

The one-year teaching invitation comes from the very city where Cauthen, now 76, spent her early years in boarding school. She was

born in 1909 in nearby Hwanghsien to Southern Baptist missionaries Wiley and Eunice Glass.

She spent her childhood in the midst of war and revolution, famine and starvation, religious revival and heroic Christian sacrifice. Her parents knew legendary Southern Baptist missionary Lottie Moon well. Moon lived and worked in Penglai, formerly Tengchow, only 20 miles from Hwanghsien.

Cauthen's mother, who died of tuberculosis in 1914, was buried in Yantai. So were two infant brothers. Her father later married missionary nurse Jesse Pettigrew and kept

teaching and preaching until the two were imprisoned and deported by Japanese forces during World War II. Her older sister, Lois, also worked in Shandong as a missionary. But few foreigners — and no Southern Baptist missionaries — got back into the Yantai area after the war.

Cauthen went back to China as a missionary, too. She worked with her husband in the southern city of Guilin (Kweilin) and in Shanghai in the 1940s and early '50s, until all missionaries left China. After Cauthen retired as executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, the Cauthens revisited Guilin and several other cities in 1980.

Baptists help launch hay express in drought

HOUSTON (BP) — A Houston Baptist layman and his fellow workers helped extend a lifeline to a drought-stricken family in South Carolina and opened the floodgates of aid to other suffering farmers.

The saga of people helping people began in mid-July when dairy farmer Tom Trantham appeared on ABC Nightly News to explain he and others in the Southeast were facing bankruptcy because of lack of feed. Trantham and his family are members of Washington Baptist Church at Pelzer, S.C., near Greenville.

Robert Polley, a farmer in Atlanta, Ill., saw Trantham on television and called to offer several hundred bales of hay free, if transportation could be provided.

That is when Archie Dunham, executive vice president of Conoco in Houston, and his subordinates stepped in to bridge the gap. Under the coordination of Dunham, a deacon at Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston, and Conoco employees, arrangements were made for two 45-foot vans and four drivers to move the hay as fast as possible to the Trantham farm in South Carolina.

Neighboring farmers gathered at the Trantham farm, and when the trucks came into view amid their cheers, Trantham said softly, "It's answered prayer."

As the sweet green alfalfa spilled onto the parched earth, Trantham held up a handful for his friends to see. "We'll have to get some Rolaids for my cows . . . they're not used to having such a delicacy," he joked.

"It was an opportunity to provide the leadership to get a lot of people involved in doing something about some serious needs. We as Baptist lay persons have a responsibility to

demonstrate our concern for people," Dunham said.

Conoco flew the Tranthams to Illinois to thank Polley personally for his donation of hay. About the same time that Polley was calling from Illinois, Peter Owenson, a farmer in Iowa called to offer hay.

As events caught the attention of media and spread across the country, calls began pouring in from drought-stricken farmers needing help and from other farmers offering to donate hay. President Reagan announced he would send two giant cargo planes loaded with hay.

The Trantham farm became the emergency station for the "hay express" with the designation as Farmer to Farmer, Route 2, Box 244, Pelzer, SC 29669. One of the great needs is for more trucks to transport the hay that is given.

Among the flood of calls that have poured in from across the nation, the Tranthams said they were touched deeply by a man who called from New York to say he didn't have any money to give but pledged his prayers.

Despite serving as the center for the "hay express" the Tranthams are managing to keep their dairy going with the help of their daughters, Tammi, 25; Traci, 22; and their son, Tom III, 14, who is active in Royal Ambassadors.

Another drought in 1983 cost the Tranthams \$72,000.

"I know we're not supposed to question the Lord," said Trantham, "but a couple of weeks ago, we were telling another couple that we couldn't understand why the Lord put the drought on us.

"Now we understand. It's restored our faith in the American people, and the Lord has used this to call attention to the plight of the family farmer."

Baptist Mission Board names 57 journeymen for 30 nations

RICHMOND, Va. — Southern Baptists commissioned 57 new journeymen July 25 for work in 30 countries during the next two years. One Mississippian, Jana Hemphill of Louisville, was among them.

The journeymen, college graduates under age 27, will help career missionaries by working in youth evangelism, music, agricultural ministries and teaching and business positions.

The group represents the 24th to be commissioned by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board since the program started in 1965. The journeymen came from 22 states. One couple is in the group.

The journeymen recently completed five weeks of training at the Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va. They will travel overseas in a few weeks.

Eloise Cauthen is going home to China soon

But she hasn't seen the places of her youth in nearly half a century.

"I keep telling myself it won't be home," she admits. "It's all different now, I'm sure. But it's where my roots are, where I spent all my growing up years. I love the hills at Chefoo and the long bluffs beyond the harbor and the islands and beaches. It's all so much a part of me that it will thrill me to pieces to get to go back."

She discovered the opening at Yantai University on a list of work opportunities for foreigners in China. In their intensive drive to modernize, the Chinese are welcoming foreigners who can help the nation progress in

education, science, technology and other areas. Teachers of English, the most international of languages, are high on the wanted list.

At first Cauthen assumed she was too old to be eligible. "I was sighing, 'Oh, if I were just young enough, I'd go in a minute,'" she says. After learning there was no specific age limit, she immediately decided to apply. An invitation from the university's foreign language department arrived in June.

Yantai University is a new school. The first academic year ended in June with an enrollment of about 1,000. (Continued on page 5)

Textbooks go on trial in Tennessee

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. (EP) — Christian parents in Hawkins County, Tenn., are suing in Federal District Court to protect their children from public school textbooks they say are anti-Christian.

The case pits the public school's right to introduce a student to a variety of viewpoints, including some that disagree with deeply held beliefs of parents, against the parent's right to raise their children in the religious faith of their choice, free from the influence of "secular humanism" in the classroom.

Parents say the public school texts present anti-Christian views, including super-naturalism, pacifism, male-female role reversal, situational ethics, and humanism. They charge that the books emphasize the importance of man, and fail to mention the importance of God.

The leader of the parents' campaign is Vicki Frost. The first witness in the trial, which began July 14, Frost explained, "I'm a born-again Christian. The word of God is the totality of my belief."

Frost said a Holt, Rinehart & Winston reading series, the Holt Basic Readers series, violated her religious beliefs. She cited the story "A Visit to Mars" which she says includes references to telepathy or thought transfer, attributes she says are God's alone.

Frost objected to a reading exercise in which children were asked to imagine that they were part of nature in the springtime, using "the powerful and magical eye inside your head," the imagination. She said, "Our children's imaginations have to be bounded," and added that children of Christian parents "cannot violate

their religious beliefs by participating in an occult practice."

Frost objects to references to the Renaissance, because "a central idea of the Renaissance was a belief in the dignity and worth of human beings," a humanistic tenet. She also is offended by Renaissance art, which "glorified or elevated the human form in paintings." God is to be glorified, not man, she said.

Frost also objects to a story in which a boy cooks as a girl reads to him from a cookbook. The story, she says, promotes feminism. "The man is the authority of the home with the wife in submission. These books are a direct attack on that." She also objected to teachers using *The Wizard of Oz* to teach that courage, love, and wisdom can be developed, rather than being gifts from God.

The parents are being represented by Michael Farris, an attorney for Concerned Women of America. That Washington-based organization was founded by Beverly LaHaye, wife of evangelist Tim LaHaye.

The textbooks are being defended by lawyers for the insurance company for Hawkins County, by Tennessee's Advocate General William H. Farmer, and by five lawyers from the prominent Washington law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, a firm that agreed to donate its time after being approached by People for the American Way, a liberal civil rights lobby led by television producer Norman Lear.

A similar case is expected to come to trial this November in Alabama. There a group of hundreds of Christian parents will ask Judge Brevard Hand in Mobile to remove any evidence of secular humanism from the state's reading curriculum.

International Conference for itinerant evangelists

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Clothes were distributed by the "Samaritan's Purse" to pastors and evangelists in need. One African pastor had a daughter to be married soon. He was in need of a wedding dress; they found him one. Some took off their coats and gave them to the Samaritans, who passed them on to pastors who needed them. One African Bible woman arrived literally barefooted and was given shoes.

There are about 1,500 Southern Baptist evangelists there from the USA. Included were Jerry Swimmer and his wife from Iuka; Guy and Lois Henderson; and evangelist Jimmy Knight of Laurel. Former Mississippians, the Bob Hamblins, were there. Hamblin is vice-president for evangelism for the Home Mission Board. Robby Jones and David Price of Jackson's Woodville Heights Church worked during the conference.

10,000 Bibles, notebooks were given out.

160,000 meals (catered by KLM Airlines) were served.

167,000 litre bottles of water were made available.

Workshops on prison evangelism, revival and evangelism, city-wide crusades, the evangelist's personal life, his family, and finances, were discussed.

There were 300 editors, reporters, and photographers present. They sent out 25 news releases per day in 16 languages. A daily newspaper was published during the week, along with full video presentation of all the conferences.

Several thousand joined with the churches in the Amsterdam area to make Saturday a day of visitation. Many visited the home of Anne Frank, the young Jewish girl who wrote a diary of her experience hiding from the Nazi troops. Also, the Corrie Ten Boom watch shop was a popular spot for sight-seeing.

Guy Henderson is Mississippi Baptist evangelism director.

What many folks need is not a new position, but a new disposition.



Pictured from left are Campers on Mission volunteers and local workers who participated in a volunteer project to Hope, Ark.: Ronnie Burian, Ariardne Martine, Fred and Mae Price, Janan and Bob Gross, Lucy Heman, Jan and Earle Rochester, Nelda and Ken Lewis, Evan and Beverly Allen, and Jesse and Inell McMillan.

Campers travel to Arkansas for mission to migrants

Mississippi Campers on Mission recently traveled to Hope, Ark., to participate in a mission project at a migrant mission center.

The group took the assignment from the Christian Service Corps of the Home Mission Board, to assist with witnessing, testimonies, maintenance and repair, and the building of a pasture fence to keep out livestock from a nearby auction building.

About 36,000 migrant workers pass through the area yearly. Across from

the mission center is a government sponsored rest stop, and next door is a records center for transients who travel to pick asparagus, strawberries, sugar beets, onions, cucumbers, apples, cherries, and corn. The center is directed by Bob Gross.

The COM group served coffee, koolaid, and cookies, gave each visitor tracts, Bibles, and health kits, and held Bible study each evening. More than 75 persons have made professions of faith this summer, according to the COM members.

Associational officers may train in four locations

Associational officers training conferences will be held during the last half of August in four locations across the state.

The four locations of the conferences and the dates are First Church, Oxford, Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; First Church, Brandon, Aug. 25, 5:45 to 9:15 p.m.; First Church, Winona, Aug. 26, 5:45 to 9:15 p.m.; and First Church, Columbia,

Aug. 28, 5:45 to 9:15 p.m.

These training programs will be sponsored by the office of the program director. Vaughn pointed out that the Saturday morning meeting will be followed by a complimentary meal, and the evening sessions will begin with a meal at 5:45 p.m.

Reservations should be made through the offices of the directors of missions.

Lowry will lead conference for clerks and directors of missions

James A. Lowry, denominational statistics specialist in the research services department at the Baptist Sunday School Board Nashville

will lead a conference for associational clerks and directors of missions at the upcoming Associational Officers Training conferences. The train-

ing program will be held in four locations, Oxford, Brandon, Winona, and Columbia, on Aug. 23, 25, 26, and 28 respectively, and at the First Baptist Church of each location.

Lowry, a native of Tennessee, moved to the Sunday School Board in 1963 from the Tennessee State Health Department where he was a statistician. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he earned a degree in business administration.

Paul H. McDonald, minister, dies

Paul H. McDonald, 72, retired longtime Baptist minister, died July 31 at his home near Lena. Funeral services were held at Good Hope Church, Leake County, Aug. 1, at 4 p.m., with burial in McDonald Cemetery.

McDonald has served churches in Leake, Scott, Neshoba, Rankin, Attala, and Jasper counties for 31 years. He was a native of Neshoba County

Bessons to lead Harrisburg singles meet

Clyde and Cathy Besson, leaders of single adult conferences from Houston, Tex., will be leading a Successful Single Living Conference at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, Aug. 22-24. The Bessons will address such topics as "The Necessity of Self Love," "How To Trust After Being Burned," and "Coping With Loneliness."

Registration will begin, Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the large dining hall of the church. Saturday the conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and close at 5:30. The couple will be leading in both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services on Sunday as well as speaking during the Bible study hour at 9:45 a.m. The conference will conclude Sunday noon with a covered dish luncheon.

There is no charge and childcare will be available.

For more information, contact Kathy Vail at 842-6917.

Missouri executive announces retirement

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP) — Missouri Baptist Convention Executive Director Rheubin L. South has announced his retirement effective Dec. 31, 1986.

In a written report to the convention's executive board July 15, South noted he will celebrate his 65th birthday on Dec. 16. In December 1985, the executive board asked South to continue beyond his 65th birthday, through 1988.

"I appreciate the executive board granting the two-year extension of my service as executive director. However, we believe we sense the Lord's will of what is best for us and Missouri Baptists," he said.

South, who was diagnosed as suffering from leukemia in April, thanked board members for their support during his recent hospitalization. He said doctors were delighted and surprised at his progress, adding, "the answer is in the hundreds of prayers of Missouri Baptists and others around the world."

South began his Missouri service on Feb. 17, 1975, coming from a 23 year pastorate at Park Hill Baptist Church in North Little Rock, Ark.

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BJCPA to sponsor religious liberty conference in fall

WASHINGTON (BP) — Fifty years of history and heritage will be celebrated when the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs hosts its Religious Liberty Conference here, Oct. 6-8.

In addition to personalities from a variety of fields who will focus on the theme "Intersecting Values: Christian Citizenship and Church-State Separation," the conference also will mark the 50th anniversary of the Baptist Joint Committee.

Conference speakers are to include Martin Marty, church historian and social critic; Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore.; and Bill Moyers, CBS news analyst.

Also speaking will be Barbara Jordan, professor at the University of Texas Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Policy and former member of the U.S. House of Representatives; Harold Stassen, a Republican statesman and the only living signer of the United Nations Charter; and Edwin Scott Gaustad, distinguished professor of history at the University of California, Riverside, and a respected Baptist scholar.

Other speakers are to be Daniel Vestal, pastor of First Church, Midland, Texas; Patricia Ayres,

president of Bread for the World; and David Soul, television personality and economic justice activist.

Former U.S. Rep. John Buchanan, R-Ala., also will address the conference. His father, also named John Buchanan, in 1936 appointed the Committee on Public Relations for the Southern Baptist Convention that joined with a comparable group in the Northern Baptist Convention — now American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. — to become the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Since 1936, seven other bodies have joined. They are the Baptist Federation of Canada, Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc., North American Baptist Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Other program guests are to include Dean M. Kelley, director of the religious and civil liberties division of the National Council of Churches of Christ; Samuel Ericsson, director of the Christian Legal Society; Joe McKeever, cartoonist and pastor of First Church, Charlotte, N.C.; Bob Maddox, director of Americans

United for Separation of Church and State; and Olin Robison, president of Middlebury College in Vermont.

The conference, which will begin at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, and adjourn at noon Wednesday, Oct. 8, will be held at First Church, Washington, D.C.

Conference fees are \$45 for a general registrant, \$25 for a registrant's spouse and \$25 for a student registrant.

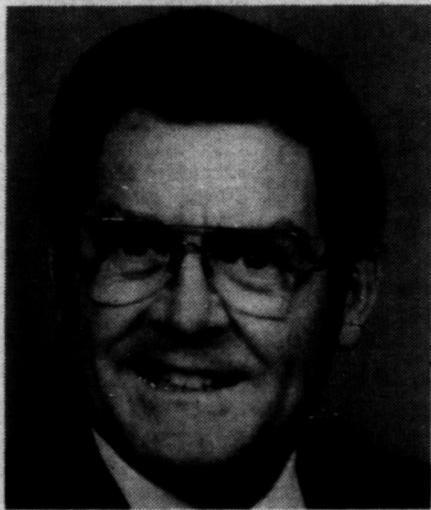
Hotel accommodations for conference participants will be at the Governor's House, located at Rhode Island and 17th Street, N.W. Hotel costs per night will be \$86 for a single room; \$90, double; \$95, triple; and \$100, quad. Hotel guests will have free access to YMCA facilities across the street from the hotel.

Deadline for hotel reservations is Sept. 10. Reservations should be made through the Baptist Joint Committee to qualify for the reduced conference rates.

All checks should be made payable to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and mailed to 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

In Yazoo City

Homecoming '86 to celebrate James Yates' 25th anniversary



Yates

James F. Yates, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, on Aug. 17 will observe his 25th anniversary as pastor of the church; and on the same day the church will observe Homecoming Day '86.

A part of the homecoming observation will be the presentation of a Churchman of the Year award to a person yet to be announced who has made "significant contributions to the life and ministry of the church. During the 11 a.m. service a special presentation of music will be made by the Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Mrs. James A. Henley Jr., the music ministry coordinator.

Recognition of the anniversary of Yates as pastor will also be a part of

the homecoming day. Yates preached his first sermon at the church on August 20, 1961.

Lunch will be served on the church lawn at noon.

During the 7 p.m. service there will be a concert of gospel music and sacred music by the Sanctuary Choir and soloists. This program will be dedicated to the pastor.

Yates has been chairman of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, president of the Convention Board, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and is now serving on the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Cauthen goes home to China

(Continued from page 3) students, Cauthen said. She says school administrators anticipate possible growth to 5,000 students during the coming year. She is not sure how large her own classes will be.

What is her goal for the coming year? "To do a good job," she answers without hesitation. "I think a Christian should do a good job when they take a job, and without being offensive, to live as a Christian in a way that will speak — not in the words I say, but in the life I want to live."

Cauthen admits her Chinese is "very rusty." But in preparation for the assignment, she has studied inten-

sively the teaching of English as a second language in several workshops. She will concentrate on helping her students develop conversational skills.

She looks forward to communicating and developing friendships with young Chinese students at Yantai. They are part of a new generation eager to take advantage of opportunities for education and advancement.

She also hopes to see what has become of all the people in the region, where Christians like her parents invested "such a tremendous expenditure of life." For many years, she says, only "rumors and sad stories"

of Christians in the area reached the outside world. Few people she knew personally remain alive after so long. But she has heard of one woman she knew well, now in her 80s, who still lives in Hwanghsien. "I would love to see her," she says.

Christian congregations now meet in both Yantai and Hwanghsien, and a new church building recently has replaced the old one destroyed long ago in Hwanghsien. Chinese Christian leader Wang Sunyuan reported 60 open churches and 2,000 home meeting places in Shandong Province in 1985, with an estimated 250,000 believers.

Cauthen has one other hope — to

In Jackson

Volunteers needed to help mission center relocate

J. W. Brister, director of missions, Hinds-Madison Association, has written the following letter to the Baptists of Hinds and Madison. Perhaps other Baptists across the state would like to volunteer their help in moving the Crestwood Baptist Center (formerly the Hinds Baptist Mission Center), so that delay in feeding the hungry will not stretch out so long. The Center is moving to the former Crestwood Church location on Bailey Avenue in Jackson.

Dear Friends:

We are in a bind and really need the help of volunteers at the Crestwood Baptist Center. What was supposed to have been a two month job has drawn out to an eight month job. Two months ago, we were told that within three weeks we could move in. Knowing that it would take 4 to 6 weeks to pack up everything at the old Center, we closed to the public eight weeks ago and began packing.

Each week that we are closed means that 150 to 200 people go without food and clothing. Because of cutbacks and the layoff of 42 persons in the Welfare Office it now takes two months to apply and get food stamps. The Baptist Mission Center has been feeding these people. With the Center closed, the demand on the other crisis centers has been overwhelming, especially when you realize that we feed and clothe about half as many as the other sixteen agencies all together. One of the workers at the Welfare Office wept this week when Mr. Tucker had to tell her that we were still closed. Unemployment is up and there are hundreds of people who need food. I hope that you can see that we really need your help.

Would you try and get some of your adults to help us with the following . . .

(1) Saturday, August 9, at 8 a.m., come and help clean up the construction dust and move all the furniture out of the first two floors of the building to get the building ready to paint. Bring vacuum cleaners, brooms, mops, buckets, dust cloths and strong backs to move the furniture.

(2) Saturday, August 16, 8 a.m., come and paint these two floors, walls, ceilings, and woodwork. Bring paint brushes, rollers, pans, etc. We will furnish the paint.

(3) Monday, August 18 through Saturday, August 23, we need trucks and people to come and help us move clothes, food, shelves, racks, files, etc. to the new location.

Our goal is to be open to the public by Monday, August 25. To do this we will need hundreds of volunteers.

Please get a group from your church and call the Associational Office (362-8676) and tell us which of these projects you can help us complete.

Yours in His Service,
J. Brister

Think ahead

Do it the hard way! Think ahead of your job. Then nothing in the world can keep the job ahead from reaching out for you. Do it better than it needs to be done. Next time, doing it will be child's play. Let no one stand between you and the difficult task; let nothing deny you this rich chance to gain strength by adversity, confidence by mastery, success by deserving. Do it better than anyone else can do it. I know this sounds old fashioned. It is, but it has built the world. — Harlow H. Curtis

Committee gives . . .

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merit increases be provided.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Aug. 25 at Central Hills Baptist Assembly, Kosciusko, at 9:30 a.m., just before the fall meeting there of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



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"My brothers and sisters have a great desire to see if we can get the privilege of investigating if those things are still there," she says.

Cauthen departs for China in August.

Large cities outpace SBC

By Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A mid-decade report of Southern Baptist progress in the 45 largest American population centers shows a slow but definite trend of growth toward larger urban churches.

The growth, detailed in a new research project from the Center for Urban Church Studies at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, also points to significantly higher resident membership growth in northern cities as compared to the South.

The Southern Baptist Convention, long comprised of a majority of churches with a membership of less than 300, is experiencing an increase in the average size of churches because of the growth in the urban areas, reported Kirk Hadaway.

Hadaway, research director for the Center for Urban Church Studies, said the growth in the North is necessary if the denomination is to reach large cities, because the largest U.S. cities are located outside the South.

Southern cities still rate above northern cities in the survey when net increases in resident membership are compared, because of their large membership base.

The only large city to break the top five in net change in membership and percentage change in membership for the past five years was Los Angeles, where 26,212 new members, or 29.4 percent, placed third in net change and fourth in percentage change. The only Southern city to rank in the top 10 in percentage and net increase was San Antonio, Texas. Phoenix, Ariz., and San Francisco join Los Angeles to make three Western cities in the top 10.

Houston ranked first in net change in resident members, with an increase of 28,419, or 12 percent, which was 14th in percentage increase. Dallas, with an increase of 27,588, or 8.7 percent, was second in net gain and 16th in percentage gain.

Hartford, Conn., which ranked

number one under percentage increases with 123 percent, was number 30 in net increase with 599. The Boston area ranked number two in percentage gain with a 109 percent increase and 28th in net gain with a growth in resident members of 911.

Growth of the urban population centers is projected to be faster during the current decade than will be experienced overall by Southern Baptist Convention churches.

The number of churches in the 45 largest population centers in the U.S. registered a gain of 7.7 percent from 1970 to 1980, compared to a 4.3 percent gain for the total number of churches in the convention. For 1980-85, churches in urban centers increased by 4.8 percent, compared to 3.2 percent for SBC churches. Projections for the decade predict an increase of 8.8 percent for urban churches and 6.4 percent for all SBC churches.

Jim Lowry writes for the Sunday School Board.

August Hustler breaks law on involvement of minors

TUPELO — The National Federation for Decency says it is asking its supporters to purchase copies of the August edition of Hustler magazine and present it to their local officials for enforcement of pornography laws involving minors.

The August issue of Hustler contains a section on Traci Lords, a porn star which the porn industry began using in their films and magazines as a 15-year-old.

Donald E. Wildmon, a United Methodist minister who heads the NFD, said that the NFD is asking its supporters to check convenience stores, airport shops and other businesses which sell Hustler. Many porno stores have already pulled the films in which Miss Lords starred.

Record numbers pay tribute as Frank Horton retires at LSU

On the Louisiana State University campus July 19, 1986, marked a special day in the lives of W. Frank and Sue Horton.

Hundreds of alumni, university officials and students, pastors, and campus ministers, and friends joined the Horton family to celebrate Frank's retirement.

Frank Horton completed 22 years as the Baptist Student Union director at LSU in July. His career spanned 34 years in three states. Prior to his service at LSU, he served in similar positions at Mississippi Delta Junior College, Mississippi College, Texas Christian University, and Mississippi State University.

He is a native of Drew, Mississippi, and is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He is married to the former Suzanne Carmichael and they have two daughters, Angie and Patti. Their daughters and their husbands are Mr. and Mrs. Bob

by Guffey and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Tipton. Bobby and Kenny both served as LSU-BSU presidents under Frank's leadership.

The Judson Baptist Association and the LSU-BSU Alumni Association hosted a reception at the Baptist Student Union. Six hundred guests attended the reception.

A record number of guests, 354, gathered at the LSU Faculty Club for the banquet hosted by the LSU-BSU Alumni Association. Chester Swor of Jackson, Miss., was the featured speaker. Mrs. Jennie Till Rasberry of Dallas and Rob Clark of Beaumont, Texas, provided special music. Alumni and friends traveled all the way across the country from California to North Carolina to pay tribute to Frank and Sue Horton.

During the banquet several presentations were made to the Hortons. The University Chaplains group and current LSU-BSU students presented a stereo system. The alumni presented a VCR and a special gift fund of \$50,000 to help with retirement and medical needs.

Carey summer commencement to be Aug. 10

William Carey College's summer commencement will be Aug. 10 at 3 p.m., in the Smith Auditorium of Thomas Fine Arts Center on the Hattiesburg campus.

Approximately 50 undergraduates and 31 graduates will receive their degrees in the afternoon ceremony. Graduates include those from the Hattiesburg, Gulfport, and New Orleans campuses.

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the woman's missionary union for the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the honored guest and speaker.

Weatherford, a native of House, Miss., took office in October 1974 in Birmingham, Ala. where the national office is located. Weatherford previously was the executive secretary of the women's missionary union in Florida.

Sarah Odom, a Carey student who will receive a master's degree in music, will perform a vocal solo for the graduation entertainment.

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Book Reviews

Grounds, Vernon C., RADICAL COMMITMENT; Multnomah Press, Portland, Oregon, pp. 124.

This is an excellent book! Every Christian should read it! I must admit, I enjoy "discipleship" books. This is one of the best I've read.

Grounds is president emeritus of Denver Seminary, Denver, Colorado, where he continues to teach ethics and counseling. As Haddon Robinson says on the flyleaf of the book, "In this book, Dr. Vernon Grounds has written for Christians who feel they don't

know the first thing about living the productive Christian life and would like to find out. He starts at the level of 'insert the key in the trunk and open it,' and goes on from there."

There are 10 chapters in the book (ten principles of growth). In each, Grounds builds on the previous principle and explains how the Christian can grow as a Christian. The first chapter is entitled "A Supernatural Change of Nature." In it Grounds lays the foundation for the entire growth experience. No Christian will ever

produce the precious fruit of the Holy Spirit until he has had "A Supernatural Change of Nature."

Some of the other chapter titles are as follows: "A Daily Death to the Self-Life," "A Disciplined Interaction with God's Word," "A Diligent Cultivation of Roots," and several others.

This book is not deep but very practical. In fact, every church ought to give this book to every new convert. An excellent book!

— Reviewed by Gregory E. Potts, pastor, Bluff Springs Church.

Recording secretary writes history, not just minutes

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
"You are not just writing the minutes. You are writing history," Betty Gilreath told Pattie Dent. Mrs. Dent of Holly Springs, Mississippi, is succeeding Beth Gilreath of Charlotte, North Carolina, as recording secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. Her election took place in June in Atlanta.

Another Mississippian who previously served as recording secretary for the national missionary organization was Mrs. Wilfred Tyler of Blue Mountain.

The recording secretary keeps a written record of all proceedings of the Executive Committee of WMU, SBC. This committee meets each January in Birmingham, and again each June. Also she will write up the minutes for the general WMU board meeting which follows each Executive Committee meeting. In addition, Mrs. Dent has agreed to help with the indexing of the minutes.

Elected president of Mississippi

Woman's Missionary Union in 1979, Mrs. Dent continued in this position until the spring of 1985, when she was succeeded by Mrs. Wilda Fancher. During that time she was also a member of the WMU, SBC board and was a member of the Building Committee that made plans for the new WMU headquarters building in Birmingham.

For two of those years, Marjorie Jones McCullough was also on the board. Mrs. McCullough was elected president in June, 1986, of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. "I was really pleased to see her elected. She will do a good job," said Mrs. Dent. "At the press conference in Atlanta, she had an answer for everything!"

At present, Mrs. Dent is Marshall County associational WMU director and Mission Friends director at First Church, Holly Springs. Her first involvement in mission organizations came when she joined the Young church job related to WMU was Mission Friends director at First Church,



Pattie Dent

Women's Auxiliary during her college years at Mississippi State. Her first Corinth, when her three boys were little. Later she was GA director at First, Holly Springs.

"Never before have I been recording secretary of anything," she said. Before her marriage to Bob Dent in

Jackson, the former Pattie Pate was secretary for a while in the X-ray lab at Baptist Hospital. Though she used shorthand then, she claims she doesn't know it now.

Her husband, who was manager of the Wurlitzer Company in Holly Springs, died in 1981.

Her three sons all are, or have been, in some type of missionary service. Don and his wife, Anne, are career missionaries in Singapore. They have two children, Chesa, age 3 1/2, and Rob, 2. (Chesa in Hebrew means "steadfast love.") Bob and his wife, Kathy, are in the Philippines, where they are volunteers for two years. He is camp manager of the Luzon Baptist Assembly. Their daughter, Kasey, was born June 28. Bob was formerly a missionary journeyman in Liberia.

Terry lives in Jackson. On June 14, he married Nancy Conner, band director at Copiah County High School. He is music minister at Highland Church, Crystal Springs, and also teaches science at Copiah County High. For

two years he was missionary journeyman in South Africa.

Mrs. Dent has been on several volunteer missions trips herself. In 1982, she traveled to Argentina to help take care of missionary kids while their parents were in mission meeting. In 1984, she helped to catalog books in the library of the Baptist seminary in Singapore. In November, 1985, she went to Birmingham to do some volunteer work in the library at WMU headquarters. She and Miss Edwina Robinson, retired executive director of Mississippi WMU, plan to do additional work at the library in Birmingham, perhaps some time this fall.

"Everywhere I have worked I was replaced by a computer," she joked. "At the library in Singapore — and at the church office at First, Holly Springs, where I was answering the phone."

"WMU," she says, "is so interesting to me that I can't see how any woman can resist it."

Intensive care

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One can of beer (12 oz.) contains a half ounce of alcohol and is equivalent to one ounce of 100 proof of distilled liquor or "the hard stuff." A shot glass of whiskey holds one and one quarter ounce. However, the matter of beverage choice is not the most serious question. In France, alcoholics drink wine; in Russia, vodka; and in Japan, saki. Wherever alcohol is consumed, the drinking leaves its effects. The effects are precisely the reasons people participate in the drinking habit. If your loved one's drinking of beer is creating any kind of problem, he may be on the road that leads to becoming an alcoholic. If that is the case, he also may be in need of professional help.

In a recent conference, Dr. Ed Burchak, physician at Mississippi Baptist Chemical Dependency Center, stated that approximately 30 to 40 percent of

all alcoholics admitted to the center were involved with beer alone. Generally, the majority of other alcoholics started first drinking beer and later harder liquor.

Drinking is a self-centered technique to make one feel better. However, one is in trouble when he cannot satisfy his craving and never gets enough of "the good stuff." On the other hand, personal spiritual development brings better feelings and satisfaction. Although great self-sacrificing is usually experienced, it is very rewarding.

Questions addressed to Intensive Care are forwarded to Chaplain Joe Stovall at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center and are handled in consultation with Dr. Ed Burchak of the staff of the Chemical Dependency Center. Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Minister's wife dies in Gulfport

Mrs. Dorothy Jeane Estes, 48, Route 1, Gulfport, died July 7 in Gulfport after a long illness. She was wife of Jerry Estes, pastor of New Hope Church, Gulf Coast Association, and member of the Pastoral-Church Building Aid Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mrs. Estes, native of Lee County, was employed as secretary and receptionist for Gulfport Optical. She was a member of New Hope Church, Gulf Coast, where she served as leader of

Girls in Action and Acteens. She was a member of the Woman's Missionary Union and director of the children's Sunday School department.

Survivors include her husband, a son, Jeffrey Davis Estes, both of Gulfport; one daughter, LaSonia Jean Estes of Gulfport; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Davis; and one sister, Mrs. Shirley Rollins, all of Shannon.

The funeral was held July 9 at New Hope. Graveside services were July 10 at Shannon Cemetery.

Students serve in California

By Joe Cobb

Miles and miles of olive, almond, walnut, orange trees, and grape vines greeted students from Northeast Mississippi Junior College on a recent mission to Lindsay, Calif. Lindsay, a small farming town noted for its Lindsay olives, is located about halfway between Fresno and Bakersfield in the Central Valley.

Sam Cox, Ken Briggs, Ken Williams, Eddie Roberts, Sandy

Staff added at Northeast BSU

Elizabeth Thurmond of Ripley has been added as an associate to the staff at the Baptist Student Union at Northeast Junior College.

While a student at Northeast Junior College, she sang in the BSU ensemble and was active in other programs provided by the BSU. Miss Thurmond is a graduate of Blue Mountain College with a degree in music.

For the past three years she has taught in the public schools of

Church council members will hear Truman Brown at Sept. 5 seminar

Truman Brown will speak to church council members in the Key Leader Seminar to be held Sept. 5 in the Sky

Room of the Baptist Building, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Brown is pastoral ministries consultant in the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. He is author of Church Council Handbook and Church Planning A Year At A Time. Both of these books are to be used in the seminar study, to focus on "the

possibilities and potentials of tomorrow."

Some subjects on the day's agenda are Working with the Church Council (video); Committing My Church to Priorities; Identifying Those Blinking Red Lights; Committing My Church to Growth; and How to Motivate Volunteers (such as church council) to Carry Out Work Assigned.

A \$10 registration fee will cover the cost of the study course book and the noon meal.

For further information, contact Julius Thompson, director, Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Lowrey, and Lisa Barnes, students from Northeast Mississippi Junior College, along with their director Joe Cobb, worked two weeks helping to renovate the building. Though the building was not finished, it was near enough to completion that the men of the church could complete the work before time to use it this fall.

This mission was the fourth annual trip to California by the Northeast BSU. In addition to this mission, the BSU also participated in one to Newport News, Va., at Christmas and to Daytona Beach, Fla., during the spring break.

Joe Cobb is BSU director at Northeast.

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I gave you to a higher power the day you were born —
Many more times until you were grown —
After you married, I gave you and your mate.

I did not interfere in your lives in any way,
You both asked me to pray about your being foreign missionaries
I just gave you both to the LORD, and asked HIM to carry
His will out in your family.
Not a selfish prayer ever came from me;
For several years I have prayed as you asked.
The answer came to me in the year that has passed.

I have deep feelings I dare not express,
He loaned you to me and I did my best.
Mistakes I made as all mothers do,
But all those years, I really enjoyed you.
As a mother, some day you will understand and see,
That you have always belonged to HIM, and not to me.

—Jean Clements

Written for my daughter, Hope Martin (Mrs. Asbury) before she left for foreign mission field.

There they stand, their heads held high
Gladiola blossoms of delicate pink
Amid the rubble, all crumbled and dry
To make a passer-by stop and think.
A house once stood where those flowers bloom.
What kind of family lived inside?
Was there love and gentleness in each room?
Did the love of God within abide?
Whose hands placed those bulbs in the ground?
Could he ever know what they'd seem to say?
To one passing by with spirits down
But, inspired by those flowers, went on his way,
Reminded again that whatever his lot
He too could blossom in his own special spot.

—Gradie Pearl Dansby
Quitman

Day Star

The sun is on the land
Shining golden warmth upon
Not a cloud is in the sky
Children laughing in the fun.

The sun is on the land
Awaking blossoms grow
The hazing dew goes up
A west wind breezes slow.
The sun is on the land
Let me feel the rays burn
The seasons are a changin'
Summer will take its turn.

—Stephen Bonner Williams

For thou didst it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun (II Samuel 12:12). When we sin and think we no one knows what we've done, God knows and says it will be made public. There are few crimes committed that aren't eventually accounted for, and the criminal is brought to justice. All sins will have to be accounted for with our Lord. While God doesn't require us to walk a rigid line of laws, he does expect us to live righteously, according to his word. The life of a Christian is a happy, rewarding one. — Lena Scott Price

Second Peter 1:19

I love to see the morning star
It shines so wondrous bright
Sometimes it's cradled by the moon
Til lost in morning light.

I love to watch the daylight creep
And push the curtains back
I see a blaze of sunlight sweep
And hide the dawning's track.

So as I start some daily task
I find the strength anew
And for my loved ones I then ask
The Day Star keep them too.
—Valerie Boyd Howell
Ripley

Approval

Approval from others we strive to achieve
Is this really important; is this what we need?
Try looking at yourself as others would see
Then think to yourself: am I what I want to be?
—Romy Case, age 20
Brookhaven

Letters to the editor

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Clarifying confusion

Editor:

Mississippi has "done done" it again! You in your lead editorial on July 17, 1986, have provided a great service for your state convention and for the Southern Baptist Convention by clarifying the confusion and conflict which have come upon us like a demon since 1979!

If everyone could read and understand your helpful, prayerful word and then read what another Mississippian (Dr. James L. Sullivan) wrote in the July-August issue of *Facts & Trends*, page 10 and 11, then 75 percent of the misunderstanding which circulates so freely would be eliminated.

Having been born and born again in a strong conservative church in Meridian, Mississippi (Highland Baptist Church), having been educated in a strong conservative Baptist universi-

ty (Samford University of Birmingham), and having received my conservative and biblically-oriented education at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, it astounds me to hear the half-truths and blatantly false accusations aimed at our institutions and agencies.

Yes, improvements are needed — beginning with the pastor and people of the church I serve! But Christian ways of making improvements are found in the spirit of your editorial — where the facts are stated fairly and accurately. Thanks for a job well done! We who love this great mission-minded denomination hope that you and Dr. Sullivan will be heard in the broadest circles of our diversity!

Blessings on you!
Harold A. Shirley
Bladenboro, N.C.

Forced termination

Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter published in the last issue from a Mr. Howard E. Polson concerning forced terminations.

I write to say that I have become its latest victim. I am not or have not been serving in my native state of Mississippi but in a small urban church in Georgia. This was my first pastorate to serve.

The people promised God and me that they would support the church and myself but somehow forgot what kind of and by what manner they voted to call me 100 percent vote.

The tide has turned on that vote some five months later.

I was not given any reasons to why I suddenly was given the ultimatum: be voted out by a majority or resign and leave in 30 days. We no longer want you as pastor, nor do the church members for we represent them, etc. What is the answer to all of this? What is the future of S.B.C. if this prevails? What does one do now that he has lost his home, annuity, insurance, job, etc.? Please help us!

Name withheld
by request

SBC "politics"

Editor:

The guest editorial of today's date in the Mississippi Baptist Record entitled "How to take politics out of the SBC" deserves comment. First, I would rejoice if anyone had a real solution as to how to take "politics" out of the SBC. I do not, however, equate a sincere effort to bring about constructive change within the SBC as "politics."

In the past, a minority of liberals, agency heads, and other employees of the convention have been able to block reform even though the majority in convention after convention expressed concern and asked for change. I quote from "The Truth In Crisis" by James C. Hefley (Page 64) 'Pressler recalls . . . we talked about what could be done to turn Southern Baptists back to belief in an inerrant Bible.' Hefley continues: 'Pressler and Patterson studied recent history to determine why agencies had not been responsive to convention resolutions . . . the problem, they decided, lay with trustees who, for various reasons, would not act. The solution

was then to get trustees who would. That could only be done by electing a string of conservative presidents who would appoint persons of firmness and purpose to the Committee on Committees . . .'

Hefley explains that after the re-election of Stanley, a moderate, James Slaton, moved "for the sake of peace and unity" to set aside the Committee on Committees nominees to the Committee on Boards, two from each state convention, and substitute the names of presidents of state Baptist conventions and state Missionary Union organizations.

The proposal advocated in the guest opinion requiring the president of the convention to select from names submitted by the state's convention president. The purpose of the "new" motion is the same . . . to shift nominating power for trustees to state levels where moderates have more pull. It has nothing to do with the elimination of politics.

Roy V. Sims
Jackson

Fundamentalism definition

Editor:

I read with some interest the letter of July 24, which attempted to give us a "definition of liberal." I soon realized that it wasn't really a definition of liberalism but rather a definition of fundamentalism, (which, by the way, encompasses a lot more these days than just the five tenets that he listed). He then coupled his definition with the illogical and unfair assertion

that if you weren't a fundamentalist, then you must be a liberal. Such an assertion is like saying, "if a person isn't a genius he must be an idiot."

We need to be reminded that fundamentalism and liberalism are both extremes. There is a lot of room between the two for people who are not comfortable with either label.

Bert Breland
Greenwood

Off the Record

A mother took her five-year-old daughter to an amusement park for the afternoon. After a couple of hours, the woman's feet began to give out and she decided to sit down for awhile.

"Here's a dollar," she told the child. "Now tell me how you're going to spend it."

Nonsensical gift

Editor:

I am a member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church and an absolutely terrific Sunday School Class. As with most classes, we care deeply about each other and have a lot of interaction. We have an ill member and have reached out a helping hand to her that bears sharing with other Christians.

One of our members introduced the idea that we each bring to class a silly, nonsensical gift. These would then be wrapped and labeled one for each day of the week. They would then be presented to our sick member. She could look forward to opening one gift each day!

We all thought this was a splendid idea and carried it through.

Today we got the report she is having a wonderful time with the gifts and appreciates something pleasant to look forward to each day!

Mrs. Donna Richardson
Jackson

Collector's-Item

When the subway train I was riding on stopped at Grand Central Terminal, two people got on. They were strangers to each other. I heard the man say, "I never expect to find one on the subway." The woman answered, "Oh, I always pick one up. If you look you'll find one. I collect them."

I couldn't figure out what they were talking about until the train pulled into my station and the woman got up to depart as well. She gave me a great big, bright smile and, of course, I smiled at her. Whereupon the woman turned back to the man and said, "See, there's another one!" And with an air of satisfaction she left the train. — Jean Schwartzstein

Devotional

How do we know?

By Alvin C. Doyle

Paul, in writing to the Romans, penned one of the most quoted verses of scripture in the Bible, Romans 8:28. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."



Doyle

How do we know?
I'm not sure that every Christian believes this verse. Every believer has had things come into his life which have caused him to wonder how such things could possibly work together for his good. Let me share 'how I know' this verse of scripture has strengthened me.

I. My Past — I John 4:8 tells me "God is love." I have always believed that God is love and he wants the best for his children. As a child, when corrected or scolded by my father, he would say, "Now it's going to hurt me worse than you." I sure didn't understand what he meant. But through several valleys in my life I have come to realize that our Heavenly Father does hurt and is compassionate when we are in the valleys of life.

As our second son was buried after only three days of life, I had no idea nor did I know that all things work together for good to them that love God. Later, as we buried our first born son after fourteen years of life, I still didn't quite understand that "all things work together for good to them that love God." You see, I didn't understand the entire verse of scripture. It does not say that all things work together for the good of everyone. The promise is, "and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." That is to say, for those who have trusted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

II. My present — Thus after trusting totally in Jesus Christ for my every need, I have realized that our Father is omnipotent. Nothing is impossible with him. He can do anything for his children. He is also omniscient, all wise. Therefore, it is impossible for him to make a mistake. Our heavenly Father never has, never will, and never can make a mistake. Our heavenly Father knows the end from the beginning, so nothing ever takes him by surprise. He knows what I am going to face tomorrow. He knows every step of the way that I must take to the end of life's journey. He knows every tear that is going to fall. He knows every heartache. He knows every temptation and when it comes, he is ready with all I need. He says, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

III. My future — Verse 29 of Romans chapter 8 tells me of my future. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the first born among many brethren." I have realized that through Romans 8:29 God has predestined me to conform to the image of his Son. Then I can rest assured that he will only allow things to come into my life that will make me more like Jesus and those things can be for my good.

Alvin C. Doyle is pastor, Puckett Church.

Woman's aerobics kindled witness in Spain

MADRID, Spain (BP) — She dropped a few pounds in Florida. Then in Spain, she helped some missionaries drop a few pounds. In the process, they picked up a witness.

Frankie Cook, a member of First Baptist Church of Panama City, Fla., joined a women's aerobics class when the exercise first became a popular addition to church recreation programs.

In signing up for a mission trip to Spain in 1983, Cook decided to take her aerobics tapes and exercise suit just in case some of the 30 missionary wives attending the week-long mission meeting wanted to catch the physical fitness "bug." She got lots of takers, both at 6:30 a.m. and after supper.

"Exercising that week was the beginning of a physical fitness program for many missionary wives that was to have long-lasting and even eternal results," notes Karen Quimby, one of the wives and Southern Baptist press representative in Spain.

One participant, Phyllis Baker,

never had been very athletic and was tempted to dismiss the idea, but at the last minute she tried the class and got hooked.

Baker and Mary Simmons, who also had joined the class, are neighbors in a suburban Madrid apartment complex. Aerobics gave the two missionaries an avenue for building relationships with other neighbors and introducing them to the gospel.

Baker and Simmons' first aerobics session in the apartments grew out of a conversation in the parking lot when a neighbor heard them talk about getting together to exercise. The missionaries invited the woman to meet them in Baker's living room, and before long, five other Spanish women were attending the weekday sessions.

At first, the missionaries simply started the time with prayer. Even so, the neighbors were suspicious of the missionaries' motives. One admitted asking herself, "What does Mary want of me?" She later concluded, "She just wants to be my friend."

The chance for companionship appeals to the women because they're at home all day while their husbands work long, hard hours. Two of the men own their own businesses. One is a doctor. Another works for Spain's major television network. For most of them, church attendance is a rarity.

The exercise class has given Baker and Simmons other opportunities to interact with the women, such as shopping trips and special luncheons.

Trust between the missionaries and women has been another result of the exercise sessions. When Baker and Simmons asked them to share prayer concerns, the women initially were hesitant. But their attitudes changed when one woman's husband suffered a slipped disc. The group prayed for him and visited him in the hospital.

Before long, the women freely were sharing a variety of concerns, from family illnesses to one wife's anxiety before a driving test. The woman later told of her

surprise at passing the test, but others reminded her, "Well, we prayed for you, didn't we?"

The women also have let their children attend various children's church activities, and several of them excelled in memorizing Vacation Bible School verses.

The music for aerobics also has been a point of witness. The women remarked that it was

soothing, even though they didn't understand the words sung in English. The missionaries said the words were about Jesus.

The usefulness of that initial week of aerobics instruction continues to astound some of those involved. Karen Quimby, for example, wonders, "Would Frankie Cook ever have imagined what packing that exercise suit and those aerobics tapes for her trip to Spain would mean?"

Faces And Places

by anne washburn mc williams

Today counts more than yesterday

Every once in a while a dark little cloud of regret blows across my mind. "Now, look," I tell myself. "The past and its mistakes are gone. You go on from here."

I try to forget the times I had hopes of doing something well and failed. For instance, that night last winter when I spoke in prayer meeting at my church for the first time.

I had asked that the lights be turned off so my slides of Nepal and Thailand would (I thought) look better. I would read my notes by flashlight. But when I began I found that the cord for the projector's control button was almost too short to reach the speaker's stand. I tried to push the stand nearer the projector, but it was too heavy. If I let go the cord with my left hand, it would fall to the floor, so I had to hold it. With my right hand I held the flashlight.

My eyes were worse than I had thought, or else it was darker than I had imagined it would be, for I could not see to read my notes. I could not pick them up and hold them at a better angle, for both hands were occupied. Neither could I turn the pages without first laying down the flashlight. When I did that I would lose my place on the next page.

This slow reading, I knew, would make me go overtime, and I'd been told to stop at a certain hour. I could not see my watch, for my sleeve covered it, and I had no free hand to

push up the sleeve. Never have I been so harried — and worse, I felt that my audience was suffering with me. I stopped to ask the time twice. When I saw children walking up and down in the vestibule, I knew they had come to collect their parents, so I stopped before I had reached the intended end.

Looking back, I wish I'd asked someone to turn on the lights. Then I could have spoken without the slides. Or I wish I had memorized my notes in the first place, and thrown them away — (which, believe me, for other speeches, I have since done!) But then, that's over. I'm forgetting it.

Sometimes days are showered with little disappointments that leave me disgusted or depressed. For instance, because I've signed a contract to write a book, I had my Saturday morning marked out clearly for writing. It didn't turn out that way. When I was riding my bicycle around the block about 8 o'clock, a big black dog rushed out and grabbed me by the ankle and bit two holes in it. First, I was shocked, because I love dogs and I felt I'd had evil returned for good. Then I had to go to the doctor, who scrubbed off the blood and said, "Don't put anything on it but ice." Besides that, though, she gave me a tetanus shot and prescribed an antibiotic. That meant a trip to the drugstore. The pharmacist said, "The first two of these capsules make some people

sick, so be sure to drink milk when you take them." By the time I got home, my free morning was gone and it was time to prepare lunch.

Why can't I look on life like my great-niece, Heather? Betty calls her 10-month-old first grandchild "our littlest angel" because of her happy disposition. I have never seen her cry or pout, even when she was covered from head to toe with an allergic rash. Always she turns on everyone with her glowing smile, or a mischievous grin. Naturally, when W. D. and Mama are I went to Pensacola to visit Joan, who chose the road through Montgomery, both ways, so we could see Heather.

She greets every new experience with enthusiasm. Twice this summer she's been to Florida to swim in the Gulf, first with her daddy and mother Tom and Karen, and her grandparents Dennis, and again with Betty and Karen. She loved the water. When a wave would knock her down, she'd be ready to stand again to meet the next. She began to click her thumb and forefinger to call the waves, like she does to call the dogs and cats, as if to say, "Come on. Hurry. I'm waiting."

Like Heather, I want to say, "Come on, life. I'm ready for you. I've been knocked down a few times, but that's okay. I want to savor all of life and God's goodness. I want to relish today, this minute."



Capsules

Kenyan outreach to Asians begun

NAIROBI, Kenya — About 30 people attended the first service in the Gujarati language offered recently by Parklands Baptist Church in Nairobi. Many of them were Hindus from India who were hearing the gospel for the first time.

Emmanuel Dipak, the Parklands layman who preached, spends much of his time working with Asians in Nairobi. When he finds a Christian among his Asian friends, he asks: "Now, who are your non-Christian friends so I can visit them?"

Witness in fire helps win souls

NAIROBI, Kenya — The witness of Kenyan Baptists to Mwimuto villagers displaced by fire has led to five decisions for Christ and 20 people who regularly attend church services. The late-January fire left about 40 families homeless. Baptists gave them blankets and have been visiting and teaching them. "Baptists really cared about us in our loss," pastor Samuel Kihuga quoted one victim as saying. "No one else came to help us at that time."

Maasai leaders plan strategy

THIKA, Kenya — Responding to the openness of their tribespeople to the gospel, 52 Maasai Baptist leaders in Kenya met recently for prayer, study and planning. "Our time has come" is frequently heard among Maasai Baptists, who have 19 churches, including the five new ones added during the past year. During their four-day meeting the Maasai leaders discussed building effective Sunday Schools and training church leadership.

Court rejects job disputes

WASHINGTON (BP) — In a pair of actions in church-state disputes, the U.S. Supreme Court has refused to review lower rulings that churches may choose not to employ women in pastoral positions without violating a federal anti-discrimination law but that a private athletic club may not refuse to hire employees who are not "born again."

Acting on the last day of its current term, the high court left standing a ruling of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is not subject to the anti-discrimination provisions of the 1986 Civil Rights Act for refusing to hire a woman, Carole A. Rayburn, to a pastoral position. The lower panel held earlier the church's refusal was protected by the religious clauses of the First Amendment.

In the other rejected case, the high court left in place a ruling by the Minnesota Supreme Court that a chain of sports and health clubs was forbidden by the state's Human Rights Act to hire and promote only "born again" Christians to management positions.

'Nicodemus' may have to be moved

TOKYO (EP) — "Nicodemus," the Bible-vending machine outside the Ochanomizu Student Christian Center in Tokyo, may have to be removed because of proposed changes to the building in which it is housed.

Christian Literature Crusade, which sponsors the machine in conjunction with its main CLC Tokyo Bookstore, says the machine forms a focal point for evangelism. Hundreds of Bibles have been sold from it. CLC reports, with the "empty" sign most frequently showing at lunchtime, indicating that it is students who are buying Bibles during their lunch break.

Carters again take up hammers

CHICAGO (EP) — Former President Jimmy Carter, along with his wife, Rosalynn, and their daughter, Amy, has again taken up the hammer and saw to help rebuild homes for the poor.

Carter has recently been in England, Wales, Switzerland, Germany, Ghana, and Zimbabwe — where he walked out on a July 4 speech critical of the U.S. But this week he again joined Habitat for Humanity, the 10-year-old organization which helps people rehabilitate the houses in which they will live, repaying the costs over 20 years.

"Habitat is a very challenging, unpredictable, inspirational effort," said Carter. "What attracted us to it was that it is not a charity — we don't give away anything." Carter says he likes to help people rehabilitate their housing because "It instills in them a sense of accomplishment and self-reliance and they can learn a trade in home building."

Bishops affirm virgin birth

LONDON, England (EP) — The Church of England's House of Bishops has released a statement affirming literal belief in the resurrection and virgin birth of Christ.

The report doesn't banish liberal interpretations, and admits "The divergent views to be found among scholars of standing are reflected in the thinking of individual bishops." The document also encourages "the responsible pursuit of historical criticism" but notes "severe limits to what critical study can achieve."

The Church of England's General Synod, meeting in early July, grappled with questions relating to ordination of women. The 574-member policy-making synod postponed the issue for at least six months, after hearing warnings that the church could be split if women are allowed to become priests.

General installed

LONDON, England (EP) — Eva Burrows, 56, was installed as general of the Salvation Army in services held here July 12.

John Tappan, a native of Gulfport, has resigned as minister of education at First Church, Clinton. He has accepted the same position with East Ridge Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. Tappan is married to the former Susan Dawkins of Meridian, and they have two sons.



Tappan

C. B. Hamlet, retired hospital chaplain and minister, assumed the interim pastorate of the recently chartered Lincoln Road Church, Hattiesburg. He has just returned from the first convention-wide ASSISTeam Conference at Glorieta. The church has some 70 members and has purchased property on Lincoln Road. The church is now meeting in the Thames Public School, Hattiesburg.

Larry Corder, a native of Alabama, has accepted the call as pastor of Rocky Bayou Church, Niceville, Fla. His resignation as pastor of Calvary Church, Macon, where he served over four years, was effective Aug. 3. Corder graduated from Southwestern Seminary in 1974.

Ron Kirkland has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Batesville. He goes from Clarke College, Newton where he was chief administrator of the college for three years. He and his wife, Sue, have four children.

Kirkland

Paul Wilson has resigned Central Church, Brookhaven after eight years of ministry to accept the pastorate at First Church, Polkville. During the years of ministry at Central, there were 519 additions, six surrendered to full-time Christian service, and two were ordained to the ministry. The church built an activities building, and renovated the auditorium during his ministry.

Wilson has served in Lincoln Association as moderator, parliamentarian, member of the director of mission search committee. He is presently a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and on the New Church Expansion Committee of the convention.

First Church, Richland, has called two new staff members. Jim Hulon, native of Soso, was called as minister of music. He is the former minister of music and youth of Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg. Clay Moss was called as minister of youth. He is the former minister of activities and assistant minister to youth of Van Winkle Church, Jackson. Ed McDaniel is pastor.

Revival Results —

Greenville (Lamar): Joe Royalty, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, music; 12 professions of faith; eight by letter; H. L. Fewell, pastor.

Staff Changes

Charles "Mac" Burrell was recently called as director of activities at Westwood Church, Lauderdale Association.

He is a graduate of Delta State University where he served for four summers on the staff at Central Hills Baptist Retreat and has also served as youth director at Eastwood Church, Indianola.

Mac and his wife, Laura, were welcomed with a reception and pounding.

W. Buford Usry is pastor.

Gene Henderson has recently become pastor of First Church, Brandon. He has served several churches

in Mississippi and Louisiana. He went to Brandon from First Church, Greenville. Henderson is a graduate of Mississippi College and has received his master of theology and doctor of theology from New Orleans Seminary. He served as a member and chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission and is now a trustee of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Henderson and his wife, Dorothy, have five children, Gina, Page, Dawn, Chip, and Hope.

Memorial, Union to cooperate in nursing education program

MEMPHIS — Baptist Memorial Hospital, here and Union University in Jackson, Tenn., have announced the formation of a cooperative nursing education program.

The program, which has undergone extensive planning for the past few years, will allow the two institutions to work jointly at the Memphis hospital's campus. Fall registration will be Sept. 9, 1986.

The cooperative effort will provide instruction which may lead to the baccalaureate of science degree in Nursing.

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Long Beach sends team to Montana

First Church, Long Beach, sent a team of mission volunteers to Gardiner, Mont., on July 23. The team worked at Gardiner Baptist Church and Yellowstone National Park holding Backyard Bible Clubs, retreats, concerts, and presenting a Christian witness by the use of puppets and clowns. Mickey Bailey, minister of youth, and Jean Thomas, minister of education at FBC, coordinated the work.



Names in the News



Carey Vickery, left, of Greenville was the recipient of the Chapman and Company Scholarship Award presented recently at Mississippi College. The presentation is a monetary award presented annually to the outstanding junior student majoring in accounting. Jacqueline Jones, associate professor of accounting in the School of Business, right, was on hand for the presentation. Miss Vickery, a Presidential Scholar, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Vickery of Greenville.

Midway Church, Jackson, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the pastorate of Benton Preston on August 17. A special service will be held at 10:15 a.m. with covered dish luncheon immediately following.

James Parker served Highland Church, Laurel, for six months as interim pastor. The church has adopted a resolution of appreciation for his and Mrs. Parker's service to the church and community. "Under the leadership of Brother Parker," the document states, "the church continued to win souls and baptize new converts, and Dr. and Mrs. Parker provided positive leadership in all areas of the life of the church, particularly in the preaching of the Word. The entire congregation has been blessed by the ministry of this faithful pastor and his wife."

Wayne L. Carlisle was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Westwood Church, Meridian. He has served the church as deacon, youth director and Sunday School director. He is available for pulpit supply and can be reached at 485-4260 or through Westwood Church. W. Buford Usry is pastor.

J. B. Costilow, BSU director at Clarke College will lead a seminar Aug. 13 on "Local Churches and BSU's Working Together," at Ridgecrest N.C., during the Aug. 11-17 conference sponsored by National Student Ministries, SBC, for college students, high school seniors, and workers with students.



Dennis Johnsey (right), pastor of First Church, Pascagoula, is welcomed to Washington by Cong. Trent Lott, minority whip of the U.S. House of Representatives. Johnsey was invited by Lott, a member at Pascagoula, First, to give the opening prayer for a session of the House.

Homecomings

Darlove (Washington): Aug. 10; 10:30 a.m.; John L. "Rip" Noble, Rogersville, Tn., preaching; covered dish lunch, fellowship hall, 12:00; special music and singing, 1:00; no night service.

Osyka, Osyka: Aug. 31; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; Lunch, fellowship hall; Clyde Rogers, morning service; afternoon singing at 1:00; W. Ralph Ford, pastor.

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Revival Dates

Jerusalem, Kosciusko: homecoming, Aug. 10, worship services, 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m., dinner on the ground and singing in the afternoon featuring The Sons of Faith; revival services, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 11-15; Ladell Blanton, New Orleans, guest speaker; Mrs. Nina Riley, Williamsville, pianist; Mrs. Dot Ray, Jerusalem, organist; Lamar Pettit, music; Sammy Ray, pastor.

Union (Covington): Aug. 10-15; Sunday, 11 a.m., 7:00 p.m.; lunch served; services; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Maurice Flowers, director of missions, Laurel, evangelist; W. C. Rainey, Hattiesburg, music director; Bill Mitchell, pastor.

First Church of Runnelstown, Runnelstown: Vacation Bible School, Aug. 11 - Aug. 15; nursery — age 11, 8 to 11 a.m.; youth, 7:30 p.m.; Danny L. Chaney, pastor, director of school.

Courtland (Panola): Aug. 10-14; Walter Ballard, dir. of missions, evangelist; Winford Gardner, First, Nesbit, song leader; Billy J. McDaniel, pastor; Sunday services, 11 a.m., 6:45 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

Locust Street (Pike): Aug. 10-15; services, 11 a.m., Sunday, pot-luck lunch to follow and afternoon service at 1:30 p.m., featuring the singing of Richard Carroll and the Etheridge Family; M. B. (Buddy) Puryear, pastor, Holmesville, messages; Bill Herman, minister of music, Terry's Creek, music.

Longview (Pontotoc): Aug. 10-15; 7:30 nightly; George Smith, Carrollton Church (Carroll), evangelist; Bill Wardlaw, music; George Steward, pastor.

Little Bahala (Lincoln): Aug. 10-15; Sunday services, morning and afternoon, lunch at church; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; James C. Harris, pastor, East Lincoln (Lincoln), speaker; Randy Walker, Brookhaven, music.

Mt. Zion (Lowndes): Aug. 10-14, 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m.; Paul Wilson, evangelist; Hubert Greer, music evangelist; David Perry, pastor; David Watson, minister of music.

Center Ridge (Yazoo): Aug. 10-15; Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Cornell Daughtry, First, Indianola; Tommy Sparkman, Parkway, Jackson, music; Bryan Abel, pastor.

Pine Bluff (Clay): Aug. 10-15; Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; John Ed Snell, Utica, evangelist; Dawn Crowley, Manteo, music; Leslie Dodson, pastor.

Line Creek, Pelahatchie: starting Aug. 10; different speakers and singers leading in each service; Ken Cook, pastor.

Como Church, will celebrate centennial

Como-Church, Como, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 17. Services will begin at 11 a.m., and lunch will be served.

Revival services will be Aug. 17-20. Former pastor, James Ruffin, will be the speaker. Music director will be Bob Dees, with David Durrett as guest vocalist. Walter Jackson is pastor.

Friendship, Grenada: Aug. 10-15; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 12 noon and 7 p.m.; Jim Futral, Broadmoor, Jackson, evangelist; Charlie Martin, Mount Vernon, Columbus, music evangelist; Ronnie Mitchell, pastor.

Edgeworth (Webster): Sun. - Wed.; Aug. 10-13; 7:30 p.m., Willie Weddle, Walthal, preaching; Rosabelle Land, music; Walter Simmons, pastor.

First, Lauderdale: Aug. 10-15; Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:00; Clark Stewart, pastor, Central, McNeill; music director, Darrell Trickett, Eighth Ave., Meridian; Mike Russell, pastor.

Temple Church, Forest: Aug. 11-15; 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Ed Knox, Beulah Church; music evangelists, C. C. Burns and wife; Jerry Lundy, pastor.

Leesburg, (Rankin): Aug. 11-17; Fred Fudge, West Va., evangelist; Jerry File, interim pastor; services, 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; senior citizens group will meet and provide dinner in fellowship hall, Aug. 13, after morning service, for revival team; Sunday, dinner on grounds and afternoon service.

Pleasant Grove (Wayne): Aug. 17-20; Jerry Swimmer, Iuka, evangelist, and will give concert Sat. evening, Aug. 16; services begin Sunday morning; dinner served in fellowship hall; Mrs. Jelene Ratcliffe, pianist; Mrs. Kay Chancellor, organist; Charles Gordon, pastor.

North 31st Avenue, Hattiesburg: Aug. 17-22; 7:30 p.m. J. H. Royalty, evangelist; W. C. Rainey, music; David Howard, pastor.

Midway (Leake): Aug. 10-15; Sun., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Jack Nazary, evangelist; Terry James, music.

New Prospect, Iuka: Aug. 10-15; evangelist, Kara Blackard, Wheeler Grove, Corinth; Richard Ortner, music director; Eugene Walden, pastor.



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THE CHILDREN'S PAGE

GEOGRAFUN: (For young readers)

Nations and Imaginations

By Ralph C. Peterson



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MAP OF CHINA

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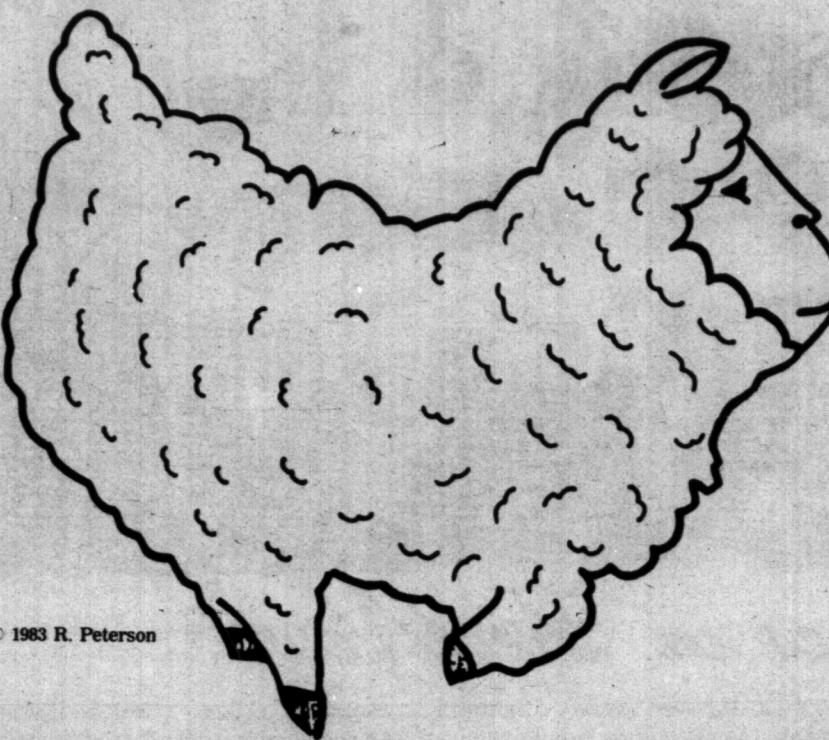
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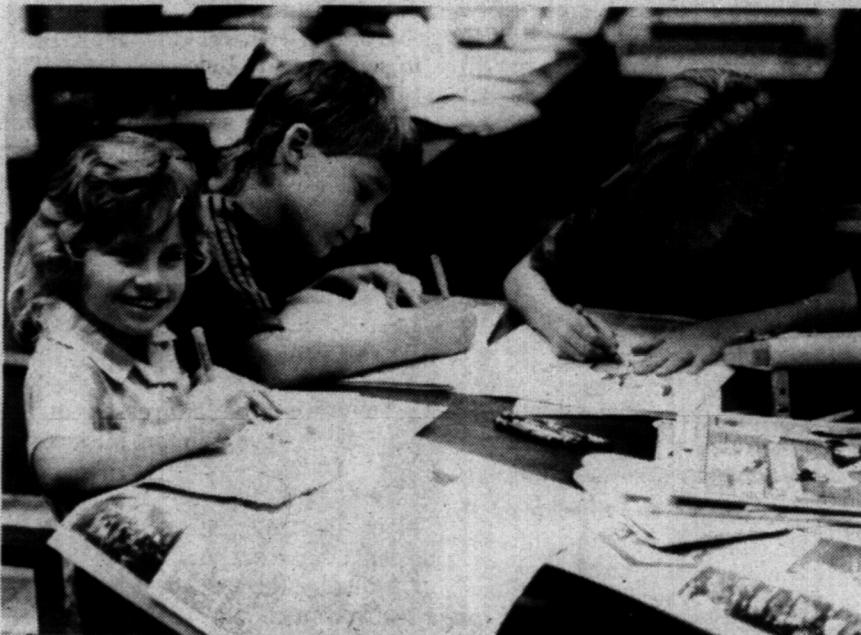
Southern Baptists have over 3,597 foreign missionaries in 107 countries. Find the 13 hidden countries in this puzzle. One is spelled backward.



These are the hidden countries:
Bangladesh, Italy, France, Uruguay
Thailand, Spain, Peru, Brazil
Honduras, Ecuador, Portugal
Ethiopia, Gaza, Honduras
Japan, Thailand, Spain, Portugal
These are the hidden countries:
Ethiopia 7, deser 8, Damascus 9, apostles
Italy 3, Caesar 3, Gentiles 4, porch 5, Samaria 6.



Map of Australia turned upside down looks like a sheep. Australia is the world's largest exporter of wool. Color the sheep.



When three grandchildren of the Baptist Record editor, Don McGregor, visited their grandfather's office, they sat down to color Geografun maps in the Record. Tiffani, 4, Douglass, 6, and Aron, 8, are the children of Alice and Walter Tyrone, who recently moved from Starkville, Miss., to Forney, Texas.

The first missionaries

- When the early Christians were persecuted, they went _____ "preaching the word." (Read Acts 8:4.)
- Philip preached in all the cities along the Mediterranean Sea "till he came to _____." (Read Acts 8:40.)
- Saul, also called Paul, was to be a missionary to "the _____, and kings and the children of Israel." (Read Acts 9:15.)
- Peter and John healed a lame man at the Temple, and Peter preached in Solomon's _____. (Read Acts 3:11.)
- "Then Philip went down to the city of _____, and preached Christ unto them" (Acts 8:5).
- Philip baptized a man from _____, who went home to be a missionary to the people in his own country. (Read Acts 8:27.)
- An angel of the Lord told Philip to go "toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem to Gaza, which is _____." (Read Acts 8:26.)
- Saul saw Jesus and became a Christian on the road to _____. (Read Acts 9:3.)
- On the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave the _____ their missionary orders. (Read Acts 1:2.)

ANSWERS: 1. everywhere 2. Caesar 3. Gentiles 4. porch 5. Samaria 6. Ethiopia 7. deser 8. Damascus 9. apostles

A man and his job

Match the Bible character with his occupation:

A	aron	1. king
U	zziel	2. soldier
G	ideon	3. judge
U	riah	4. evangelist
S	olomon	5. goldsmith
T	imothy	6. priest

T-4 (II Timothy 4:5)
S-1 (I Kings 1:39)
U-2 (II Samuel 11:7, 15)
G-3 (Judges 6:8)
U-5 (Exodus 6:18)
A-6 (Exodus 28:1)

Answers:

Mississippians on "change me" program at NOBTS

NEW ORLEANS — Women from throughout the country will gather at New Orleans seminary this year to explore their contributions to self, family, church, and community. The Oct. 2-4 conference, "Lord, Change Me . . .," will address today's woman and her impact on a world in transition.

The conference will include more than 20 seminars on subjects such as parenting, husband-wife relationships, divorce, empty nest, diet, appearance, stress, sorrow, self-esteem, time and priorities, gifts, communication, and evangelism.

Mrs. Laverne Applewhite, from Clinton, Miss., will lead a seminar on missionary living and its challenges. A seminar on gifts will be led by Mrs. Earl Kelly, from Jackson, Miss. Mrs. Owen Cooper, from Yazoo City, Miss., will speak on empty nest, in-laws, and grandparenting. Also from Yazoo City, Miss. Sue Tatum will lead a seminar on lifestyle evangelism.

Keynote speakers will be Evelyn Christenson, Ann Kiemel Anderson, Marge Caldwell, Millie Cooper, and Dorothy Sample.

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-Just for the Record-



The youth choir of Calvary Church, Vicksburg, recently went on a tour through Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia, presenting a contemporary musical drama, "Jesus Never Fails."

On July 27, after their return, they presented the musical at their home church at 7 p.m. The choir is under direction of Jerry Peagler, minister of music and youth. Johnny Collins is pastor.



First Church, McComb recently held its Acteen Recognition Service, "Go Ye." Pictured, front row, (from left) are, Dawn Jones, Mary Coleman, Kathryn Lipscomb, Kristen Boyd, Kim McWhite. Back row, Rhonda Freshwater, Rene Stewart, LeAnne Burris, Mandy Clark, Gale Griffith, Elizabeth Lipscomb, Renee Freshwater, Heidi Allen, Kristi Carr, and Shelby Heinbach.

Missionary News

Kevin Peacock, journeyman to Scotland, has completed his two-year term of service as a youth worker in Peterhead, and returned to the States (address: 1803 LeSeur Rd., Richmond, Va. 23229). He was born in Natchez, and considers Clinton, Miss., his hometown. Before he was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1984, he was youth director at Raymond Baptist Church.

Regina Harlow, journeyman to Ecuador, has completed her two-year term of service as a youth director in Quito, and returned to the States (address: Rt. 1, Box 315, Aberdeen, Miss. 39730). She is a native of Amory. Before she was employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July 1984, she was minister of youth at Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain.

Mark Wanker, journeyman to Spain, has completed his two-year term of service as secretary and correspondence course assistant director of Madrid, and returned to the States (address: 2710 Pinebrook Dr., Jackson, Miss. 39212), his hometown.

Daniel L. and Wanda Henderson, missionaries to Korea, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: 201-5 O Jung Dong, Taejon 300, Korea). He is a native of Laurel, Miss. The former Wanda Willson, she was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and considers Hattiesburg, Miss., her hometown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1986.

Richard and Joan Fox, missionaries to India since 1979, resigned from missionary service effective June 3. They served in Bangalore, India, where he was a physician at the Baptist Hospital, and she was a church and home worker. They are natives of Tennessee. They may be addressed at 2305 E. Manor Dr., Jackson, Miss. 39211.

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Former missionary **Don Reed**, 46, is joining the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff here as associate director for evangelism and project management in the volunteer enlistment department.

Reed, a native of Post, Texas, will enlist volunteers for overseas evangelism and partnership missions projects, promote volunteer opportunities, and develop volunteer information and enlistment materials.

A Southern Baptist missionary to Peru from 1971 to 1975, Reed has been director of missions for the Union Baptist Association in Oklahoma for the past eight years.

Juanita Johnston, missionary to Taiwan, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: 2000 S. Gimon Cir., Mobile, Ala. 36605). Born in Mobile, she also lived in Yazoo City, Miss., while growing up.

KITAKYUSHU, Japan — Southern Baptist missionary **Vera Campbell** was elected chancellor of Seinan Jo Gakuin, the Baptist girls' school in Kitakyushu, on June 28. Campbell, of Fairburn, Ga., had been vice chancellor of the school, which educates girls from junior high school through junior college. Former chancellor Yoshimi Inoue died in March. Campbell was formally installed July 7. A missionary since 1950, she was recognized by the local government last year as an outstanding educator.

RECIFE, Brazil — **David Miller**, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil for 24 years, was recently named president of the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Recife. Miller, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., first joined the seminary faculty in 1975 and has taught evangelism and church growth. The economy has diminished church offerings to support the school, said his wife, missionary **Glenda Miller**.

Applewhites retire

Winfield and Laverne Applewhite, missionaries to Indonesia since 1955, retired from active missionary service July 1. He served as a surgeon and hospital administrator in Kediri, Bukittinggi and Tanjung Karang, Indonesia. She served as a church and home worker.

Born in Atlanta, Ga., he lived in several states and considers Jackson, Miss., his hometown. She is the former LaVerne Viverette of Union, Miss.

They may be addressed at 108 Caribbean Cove, Clinton, Miss. 39056.

David and Ollie Mae Mayhall, missionaries to English-speaking West Africa, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401). He serves as associate to the Foreign Mission Board's area director for West Africa. They are natives of Mississippi. He was born in Liberty. She was born in Simpson County. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1950, resigned in 1973 and reappointed in 1979.

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BIBLE BOOK

Zechariah: God moves to re-establish Jerusalem

By Marjean Patterson

Zechariah 1:1 - 6:15

Zechariah, a contemporary of the prophet Haggai, began his ministry around 520 B.C. It is likely that Zechariah and Haggai were among the Jews who moved to Judah when the exiles were allowed to return.

The prophet came from a priestly background. Zechariah, whose name means "whom Yahweh hath remembered," was interested in rebuilding the temple. He was concerned

Patterson for the purification of the priesthood and of the land of Israel.

The book of Zechariah has no equal in its grasp of the significance of the post-Exilic period and of the purpose of God for the remnant of Israel.

Call for national repentance (1:1-6)

The first words of Zechariah to the citizens of Jerusalem were to repent and return to God.

UNIFORM

A vision of glory: God dwells in the midst of his people

By Robert E. Self
Ezekiel 43:2-12

Most of us remember a few very special moments when we had experiences with God that were truly overwhelming. Those times have come at varied intervals and in wonderful ways. We have had our burning bush experience during worship, or at prayer and during Bible study as well as at other times.

When the great Welsh revival broke out, it seems that there was a constant manifestation of the presence and work of God among the people. The same can be said for the Great Awakening, the revival of Korea in 1907, and the Shantung revival in 1931. In all cases, great things were accomplished, by the glory of God.

What does the Bible mean when it speaks of

LIFE AND WORK

One of every ten Americans is a problem drinker

By James W. Street

Proverbs 20:1, 23:29-33; Ephesians 5:8-11, 15-18

The writer of Proverbs lived long before the days of automobiles, cocktail parties, skillful media merchants, and gullible consumers. The words were written before the principle of distilling was discovered and refined to a science. He lived and wrote before the liquor industry became a powerful force in society and government. And yet we read his words of warning telling us and others that strong drink is deceitful. He condemns selfish indulgence and drunkenness. He warns of the dangers of alcohol overtly and, covertly, warns of a life controlled by alcoholism.

All of that counsel occurred before the crest of the wave of alcohol abuse. By conservative estimate, one of every ten Americans is a problem drinker. Alcoholism is our number three

These words were based on past experience. Through the years prophets had called for repentance, only to have the people ignore their pleas.

Eight visions and their interpretations (1:7-6:8)

Zechariah records a number of visions, one after another. As we read them we see many things we do not understand. Still it is profitable to read them carefully. A vision is like a dream in the way in which it would come to one of us. The person who has a dream or a vision does not make it up. It comes to him.

Zechariah's eight visions dealt with such subjects as a man on a red horse standing in a thicket of trees, surrounded by horses of different colors. Through this vision the people of Jerusalem were assured that both the city and the temple would be rebuilt. Prosperity would return to the land, and Jerusalem would again become the city of God.

Additional visions had to do with four horns and four smiths; a man with a measuring line; a flying scroll; a flying barrel; and four

chariots.

Let us look at the fourth and fifth of Zechariah's eight visions. Vision Four suggests that there were those in Jerusalem who challenged Joshua's fitness to serve as high priest in the restored temple. In this vision, Satan is viewed as someone whose role is to challenge the worthiness of God's servants and to question the depth of their devotion.

In a stirring bit of prose, the Lord rebukes Satan, vindicates Joshua, and grants Joshua access to the heavenly court. Messianic promises surface in the prophet's reference to "my servant, the Branch" in Zechariah 3:8.

Vision Five deals with the governor Zerubbabel's leadership in the community. Words of encouragement are given to Zerubbabel. A specific word of encouragement also brought a warning. Zechariah 4:6b exclaims, "Not by might, or by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Hosts."

The purpose of this promise was not to discourage human effort, as if all Zerubbabel had to do was fold his hands and wait for God

to work a miracle. Rather, we're reminded that our greatest achievements are those in which God takes us beyond the limits of our own resources and replaces our weakness with his strength and power.

Victory is assured in this vision. Zerubbabel and Joshua would finish the project — the temple would be rebuilt.

The crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)

This passage deals with the crowning of Joshua, the high priest. The gold and silver crown would be placed on the head of Joshua, thus indicating the successful completion of the task. After the coronation ceremony had been concluded, the crown was to be deposited in the temple to await the coming of the true Messiah.

Conclusion

Zechariah's visions of the future gave hope and encouragement to those who believed in God.

Marjean Patterson is executive director, Mississippi WMU.

LIFE AND WORK

One of every ten Americans is a problem drinker

health hazard, exceeded only by heart disease and cancer. Just less than half of all problems which are adjudicated by the courts involve the abuse of alcohol. MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) have pointed out in graphic fashion the tragically high incidence of death and carnage taken by alcohol on our highways.

So we read the statement of Paul calling not for fanaticism or moral snobbery, but for intelligent, enthusiastic, impressive discipleship. Intelligence and faith are not mutually exclusive. The Christian faith and the church are vehicles to the truth. God wants us to use our brains in church, in the classroom, at parties, and behind the wheel of a car. Some of us are geniuses on the job, at school, and maybe at church, but are absolutely morons with our societal morality.

We are to allow faith to infuse our brains and our brains to help us with the way we live our lives and the way we treat our bodies. The Christian faith has declared itself decidedly on

the side of healthy bodies, minds, families, and societies. Your intelligence is a gift from God. You are to use it in the living of your life.

Just beyond the intelligence is enthusiasm, meaning filled with God. Paul writes, "be filled with the Spirit." Earlier you read the litany of social ills commonly associated with alcoholism. They were included for two reasons: one, abuse of alcohol is a legitimate Christian concern; and two; Paul contrasts being filled with distilled spirits to being filled with divine Spirit.

Distilled spirits deaden. The clever message of the merchandizer suggests that drinking gives us courage when in reality all alcohol does is deaden our fear. The advertiser boldly proclaims that drinking makes the drinker sharper socially when all it does is deaden our inhibitions. Distilled spirits deaden; God's Holy Spirit brings us alive.

Fully alive — that is the enthusiasm for which we should seek; a joyful, expectant, ex-

hilarating attitude toward life that helps us be at our best at all times under all circumstances. The key to that kind of enthusiastic living is found in verse 20: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God . . ." It is to have such a faith that we are, indeed, God's men, women, and children, and that this is his world.

God is alive and well and because of that we can confront, conquer, or cope with any situation life may send us. We no longer need an opiate to deaden the pain of living, because we are alive in his spirit. Now, we see things as faith value, not face value. We are not blind to our problems, but we are alert to our possibilities.

Life can make us bitter or life can make us better. The choice is ours. Is life to be approached as a burden or bequest? Choose to be filled with the Spirit — not the spirit that deadens, but the Spirit that brings alive.

James W. Street is pastor, First, Cleveland.

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Will the SBC 'split?' maybe yes, maybe no

By Marv Knox

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — "If the Southern Baptist Convention splits, I'm going with the side that gets the Annuity Board. Ha. Ha."

The little joke about the future of their convention has lost its punch for many Southern Baptists. They ask the question at the heart of the barb: Will the SBC really split?

The question grows out of theological-political controversy within the denomination. One group, which has captured the convention's powerful presidency for eight straight years, seeks to turn the SBC in a more conservative direction. Another group sees no major doctrinal problems within the SBC and its institutions and wants them like they were.

With its control of the president's appointive powers, the more conservative group has moved steadily toward control of SBC agency boards of trust. Following each annual meeting, the questions have grown more intense: What is the future of the SBC?

Three historians and a sociologist — all lifelong Southern Baptists — offer divergent views:

"It will most certainly fragment," predicted Bill J. Leonard, associate professor of church history at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

"I certainly don't foresee a formal split," said Richard Land, vice president for academic affairs at Criswell Center for Biblical Studies, Dallas.

"For the short term, I don't anticipate much change in participation in the denomination," but it is too early to say what will happen in the long run, noted Nancy Ammerman, assistant professor of sociology of religion at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, Atlanta.

"There will be individual churches and pastors who drop their cooperation. But I was much encouraged by the last convention," said Robert Baker, professor of church history emeritus at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Leonard noted he prefers the term "fragment" over the term "split," pointing out, "Our polity is too precarious; we're too loosely organized to say a split can take place."

He also stressed he has built his conclusion on observation of structural, organizational, and historical issues rather than spiritual or theological dimensions. "I'm looking at the example of other Protestant denominations," he said. "The Congregationalists, Presbyterians, and the American Baptists have all experienced this kind of turbulence. You can look at specific historical evidence for what has hap-

pened to other denominations. We are on the same course."

"The genius of the Southern Baptist Convention is that it has had specific doctrines around which it united, but it chose in most cases not to define those doctrines narrowly. The present movement (toward a more conservative stance) is not an effort at correcting. It is a much more narrow definition of doctrine in general than Southern Baptists have ever approved," he added.

"The forces are already in motion to move the denomination far enough away from the center that I don't think there's any way to avoid some sort of fragmentation."

Leonard, whose specialty is American church history, also noted Southern Baptists are suffering an identity crisis stemming from theological confusion: "The crisis is not due to liberalism or fundamentalism exclusively. All types of churches in the SBC are experiencing problems regarding Baptist identity. The things that have held us together in the past — strong denominationalism, strong denominational programs, and Southern culture — have become more and more pluralistic. Therefore, we have turned to theology as a way of defining ourselves, and we have discovered what we always should have known, that our theology has been extremely diverse."

In addition, Southern Baptists are being shaped by two strong outside forces, he said.

"We have to say we are a part of a much larger movement taking place throughout American culture," he explained. "That is an effort to create a new religious establishment, and to bring to bear into the public arena certain evangelical Christian political agendas that then define the nature of religion in America. Efforts to bring the SBC into the broader coalition illustrate the point."

"Also, history develops a life of its own. You reach points in the life of an institution or organizational structure where it develops a momentum and it becomes impossible for it to swing back to the center without a major crisis and turmoil."

But Land asserted: "I certainly don't foresee a formal split — some agencies and institutions that go with one group and some with another, or that some group of churches will split off and form another denomination."

Given the residual loyalty that Southern Baptists have demonstrated over the years, I don't see that as a feasible scenario.

"Twenty years from now, the SBC, in terms of its institutions and agencies, will be essentially as it is now,"

Land predicted. "The only difference I see is that there will be far more Southern Baptists. I think we will see sustained growth across the board."

He agreed Southern Baptists increasingly have grown diverse but contended this is not new.

"I remain very hopeful that those people who are Baptists by conviction rather than heritage will remain in Southern Baptist work and strive to contribute their gifts to that work," he said. "Most Baptists I know, if they were to leave, where would they go?"

Ammerman, who has conducted scientific studies of Southern Baptist opinions, reported: "The most interesting thing about this controversy is that the people who are losing — the moderates — are the most loyal to the denomination. But after this year's convention, more and more moderates are talking, not about leaving the convention but, 'How do we survive in the exile?'

"This means moderates have to think about alternate organizational strategies," she added. "They may not be the same sort of straight-line givers to the Cooperative Program and denominational programs as they have in the past. Yet it is likely at least that whatever deficit there is to the convention will be made up probably by some fundamentalists deciding they can support the denomination more wholeheartedly."

"The bottom line for the moderates is they're committed to historic traditions and programs. An attitude of 'Grit your teeth and stay committed' will mitigate any splitting off," she said. "If the battle went the other way, we've seen in survey data, there is enormous readiness for fundamentalists to leave the convention. Something like 60 percent of self-identified fundamentalists would leave. There's just no equivalent feeling on the side of the moderates."

Baker said: "I'm sure there will be individual churches and pastors who want to drop their cooperation, but I was much encouraged by the last convention. The so-called fundamentalists have said, 'All we want is for the 1963 Kansas City Confession (Baptist Faith and Message Statement) to be observed. Well, all six seminaries have voluntarily and spontaneously said they will abide by the confession. There is ground for agreement here."

"And the controversy touches many other aspects, involves many other variables," he concluded. "There are many institutions which are not embroiled in the controversy and no one would divide. After all, who wants to go against the Annuity Board?"

Marv Knox is BP feature editor.



ARKADELPHIA, ARK. — As each day ends, in Crosspoint Camps, the campers from First Church, Columbus, Miss., join together for room devotions. (Photo by Jim Veneman.)

Sports, gospel meet in Crosspoint camps

By Jim Veneman

ARKADELPHIA, ARK. — "When the desire to excel athletically and the message of Jesus Christ . . . meet," was written on the backs of T-shirts worn by campers attending Crosspoint at Ouachita Baptist University here.

In its first summer, Crosspoint, sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church recreation department, is being held on seven Baptist college campuses. It is designed for boys and girls who have completed the fourth through eighth grades and who wish to improve their skills in one of six sports — tennis, basketball, baseball, football, soccer, or gymnastics.

Deane Hartzell, camp director from the board's church recreation department, said that Crosspoint should not be viewed only as a sports camp.

"It's not only sports. Each day they're involved in Bible study, worship, singing, and fellowship together. A strong emphasis is placed on building relationships between campers and staff. We put the spiritual and the physical together and have a good time with all of it," he said.

Mexicans to send missionaries

MEXICO CITY — The National Baptist Convention of Mexico has appointed Mr. and Mrs. Javier Valenzuela as missionaries to Honduras. The action renews Mexican Baptists' foreign mission program, which has been on hold.

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